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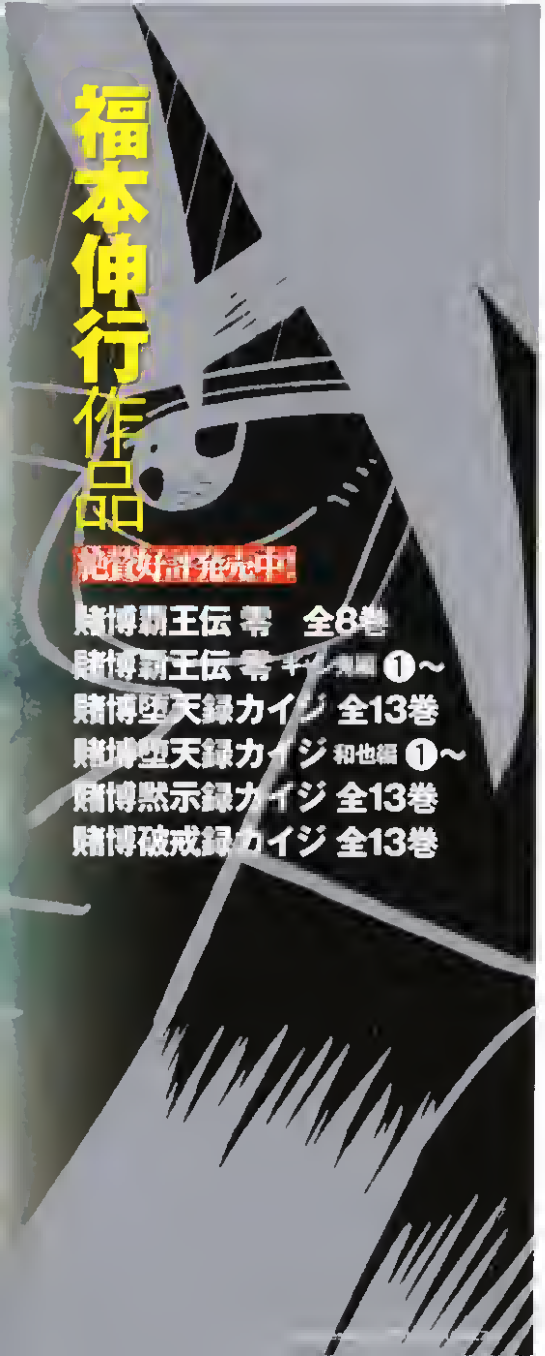

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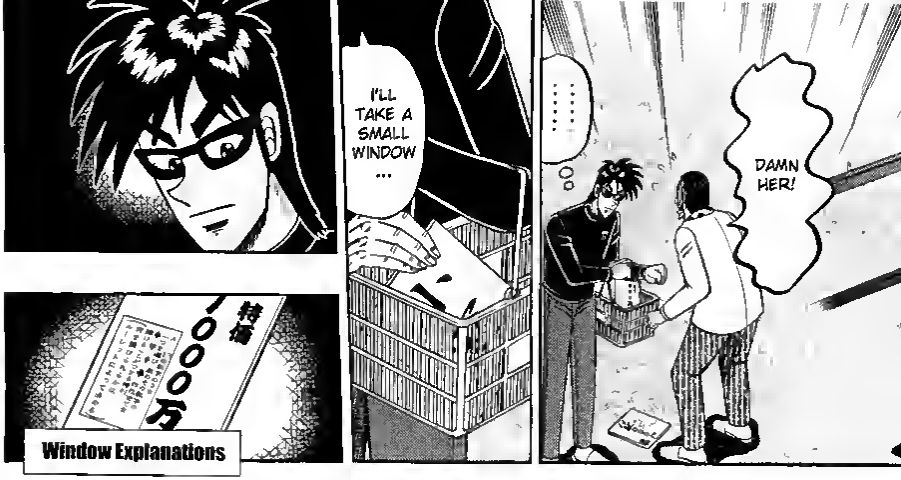
SHE'LL CRUSH US!
EVERY PATH TO VICTORY,
WILL BE BLOCKED BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY!

HOW NAIVE COULD YOU GET!?
HA HA HA
ALL WITH THE POWER OF MONEY!
JUST WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING,
FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS!?

THIS IS JAPAN!
THE LAND OF CAPITALISM!
A LAND WHERE MONEY MEANS ALL!
THAT IS OUR JAPAN!
SO THEN,
ISN'T IT ONLY LOGICAL,
小窓

THAT THOSE WITH MORE MONEY SHOULD HOLD THE ADVANTAGE,
IN ANY GAME, NEGOTIATION, OR WHATEVER THAT TAKES PLACE IN THIS COUNTRY!?
NOW, NOW!

HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP A LADY WAITING?
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON MY PURCHASES!
A WINDOW CARD, ATTACK FIRST CARD,
AND ONE MORE WHICH I'LL KEEP SECRET FOR NOW!
THE LIMIT IS 3 CARDS,
TOO MUCH HESITATION ON WHAT TO BUY.
THEN AGAIN...
Max. 3 per customer!
SO THERE REALLY SHOULDN'T BE,
I SUPPOSE THE REAL PROBLEM IS THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN AFFORD 3!
NGH!

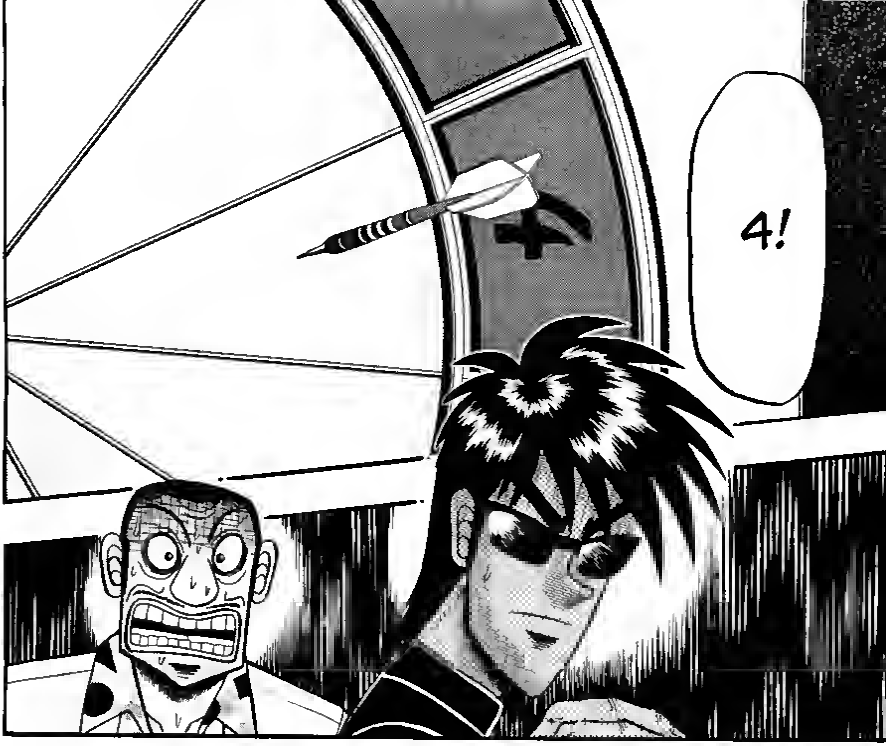

I'LL TAKE A SMALL WINDOW ...
DAMN HER!
.....
特権
10000万
Window Explanations

ZERO ...
THIS ONE'S DEFINITELY WORTH THE BUY. IT'LL BE OUR TRUMP CARD!
SAYS HERE ON THE BACK THAT THE OPPONENT'S CARD YOU CAN REVEAL WILL BE DECIDED BY A ROULETTE DARTBOARD...
AND A NORMAL WINDOW!
HA HA HA

YOUR NAIVETE NEVER SEEMS TO END, DOES IT!?
MADAME JUNKO, ZERO,
TIME'S UP.
SHOPPING TIME IS NOW OVER.
YOUR TRUMP CARD...!?

IF YOU PURCHASED ANY ITEMS,
PLEASE PUT THE MONEY YOU NEED TO SPEND ON THIS TABLE.
MADAME PLACES 40 MILLION YEN,
AND,
ZERO AND HIS TEAMMATE PLACES 15 MILLION YEN
AFTER PLAYING THE 10 ROUNDS IN ONE GAME OF 100-CARD POKER,
THE WINNER,
WILL TAKE ALL THE MONEY HERE ON THIS TABLE AS WELL!
カラ・
カラ・
NOW THEN,
IT'S TIME FOR THE ROULETTE DARTS AS STATED ON THE WINDOW CARDS.
HERE'S YOUR DART, MADAME.
クル・・
クル・・
クル・・

HERE GOES NOTHING!
THE CARDS THAT MADAME CAN REVEAL...
AGHH!
NGH..
YOU'RE UP NEXT.
WHAT!?
ARE THE ACES!

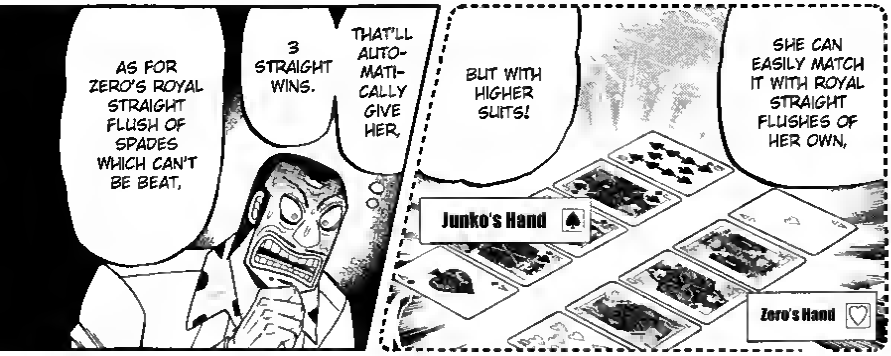

4!

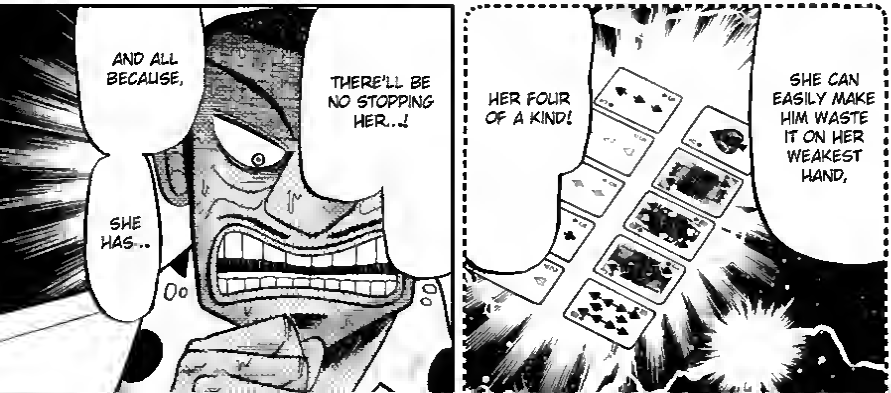
PRETTY MUCH,
T-THIS IS...

WHA?
HOW COULD THIS BE...!?

I MEAN ...
THE WORST CASE SCENEARIO!
HA HA HA

AND IF SHE KNOWS THAT,
THEN THAT'S BASICALLY A CLEAR SIGN AS TO WHERE HIS ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES ARE...!
IF SHE CAN FIND OUT WHERE ZERO'S ACES ARE,

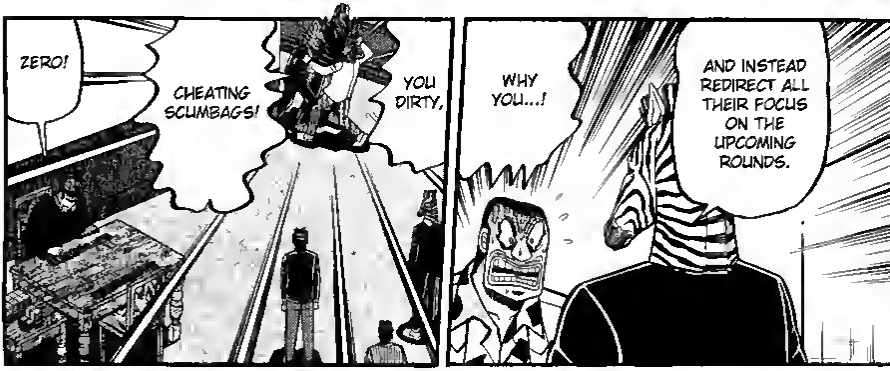

AS FOR ZERO'S ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH OF SPADES WHICH CAN'T BE BEAT,
3 STRAIGHT WINS.
THAT'LL AUTO-MATI-CALLY GIVE HER,
BUT WITH HIGHER SUITS!
SHE CAN EASILY MATCH IT WITH ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES OF HER OWN,
Junko's Hand
Zero's Hand


AND ALL BECAUSE,
SHE HAS..
THERE'LL BE NO STOPPING HER..!
HER FOUR OF A KIND!
SHE CAN EASILY MAKE HIM WASTE IT ON HER WEAKEST HAND,

WAIT A SEC...
AH!
HOW THE HELL CAN SHE GET A 100% CHANCE OF WINNING THE FIRST 3 ROUNDS OUT OF 4!?
TO CHOOSE WHICH OF HER OPPONENT'S HANDS TO MATCH AGAINST!
SHE HAS THE RIGHT,
ATTACK FIRST
THE ATTACK FIRST CARD!
CAN SPIN INDEPEN-DENTLY AS WELL...?
THE OUTER RING OF NUMBERS,
SO THAT NO MATTER WHERE YOU THROW THE DART,
WAS RIGGED BY THEM,
COULD IT BE THAT THE DARTBOARD,
HEY!
THEY PULLED ANOTHER FAST ONE ON US!
THEY MUST HAVE SPUN THE OUTER RING!
THAT MUST BE IT!

I SAID WAIT!
HEY WAIT!
WHA?
I WANT TO CHECK THAT DART-BOARD!
HM?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
AHHH!
TRASH SHREDDER

AS TO PREVENT EITHER PLAYER FROM CALLING FOR A RETRY,
WE DESTROY THE DART-BOARD RIGHT AFTER USAGE,
CONSID-ERING THIS IS A HIGH-STAKES GAMBLE,
Y-YOU TRYIN' TO COVER UP YOUR TRACKS!?

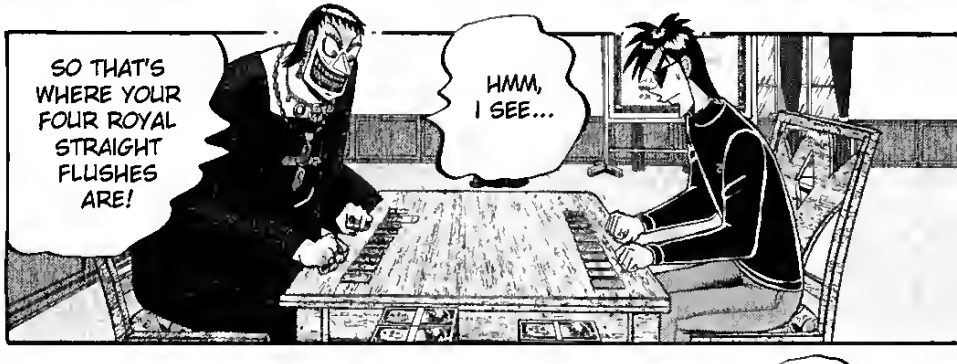

ZERO!
CHEATING SCUMBAGS!
YOU DIRTY,
WHY YOU...!
AND INSTEAD REDIRECT ALL THEIR FOCUS ON THE UPCOMING ROUNDS.

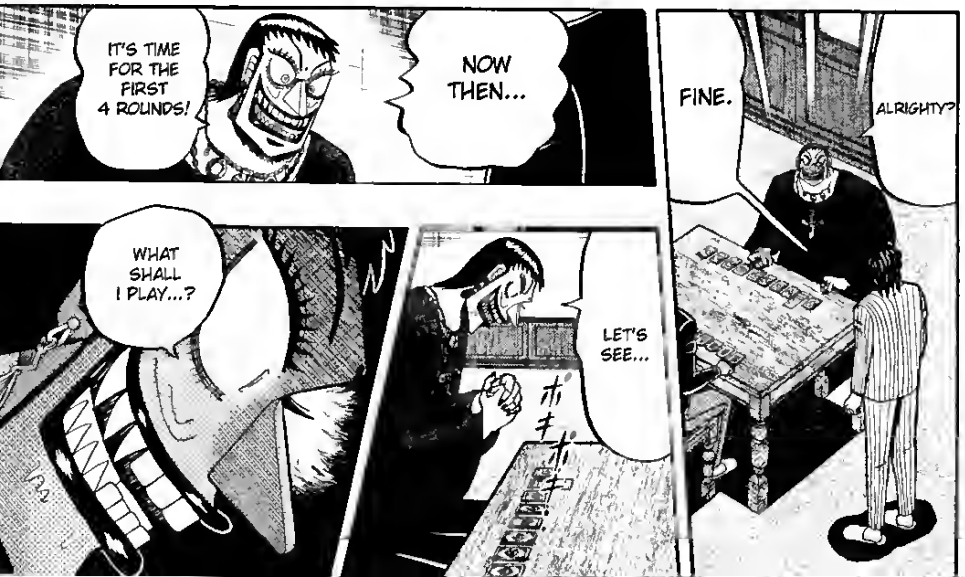
I'VE ALREADY OPENED MY CARDS.
LOOK,
SIT DOWN!
ARE RIGHT HERE...!
THE 4s YOU GET TO SEE BECAUSE OF YOUR WINDOW CARD,

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!
OPEN UP!
SHOW ME YOUR ACES!
HEE HEE HEE

ZERO'S 10 HANDS

SO AS THE JUDGE, YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF OPENING OUR HANDS.
WE WON'T BE TOUCHING OUR CARDS ANYMORE THAN NECESSARY.
TO PREVENT EITHER PLAYER FROM TAMPERING WITH THEIR HANDS.





AGAINST,
I'LL USE MY FOUR OF A KIND WITH THE REVEALED 4s,
THIS SHOULD DO!
YOUR STRONGEST HAND,
ZERO!
WHICH IS...
ZERO ANTICI-PATED THIS...?
COULD IT... COULD IT BE...?
THAT THE ENEMY IS COMING AFTER...?
MAYBE HE SET UP A TRAP IN THAT ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH OF SPADES,

MAYBE THERE'S ...
A
SOME-THING,
LYING IN WAIT FOR HER...!?
YOUR ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH OF SPADES!
WITH MY FOUR OF A KIND,
I'LL FIRST...

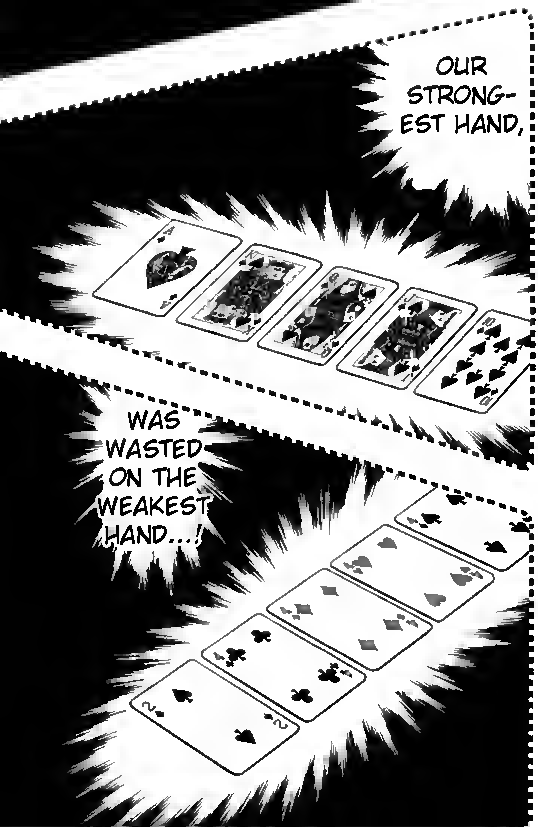
MAKE YOU WASTE,
YOUR ...
THEN ALLOW ME TO CHECK.
STRONG-EST HAND!
ZERO'S HAND THAT MS. JUNKO,
HAS DECIDED TO PLAY,
HER FOUR OF A KIND AGAINST IS..
ZERO!

ZERO!
ZERO!
ZERO!
PLEASE HAVE SET UP SOME PLAN IN ADVANCE...!
PLEASE!
IS THIS...!
ZERO'S HAND,
A WAY TO GET BACK AT THESE CHEATING SCUMS!
AHH!

HE... HE DIDN'T ANTICIPATE ANYTHING AT ALL...!

AT THIS RATE... THE REST OF OUR ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES WILL LOSE!

UTTER DEFEAT!



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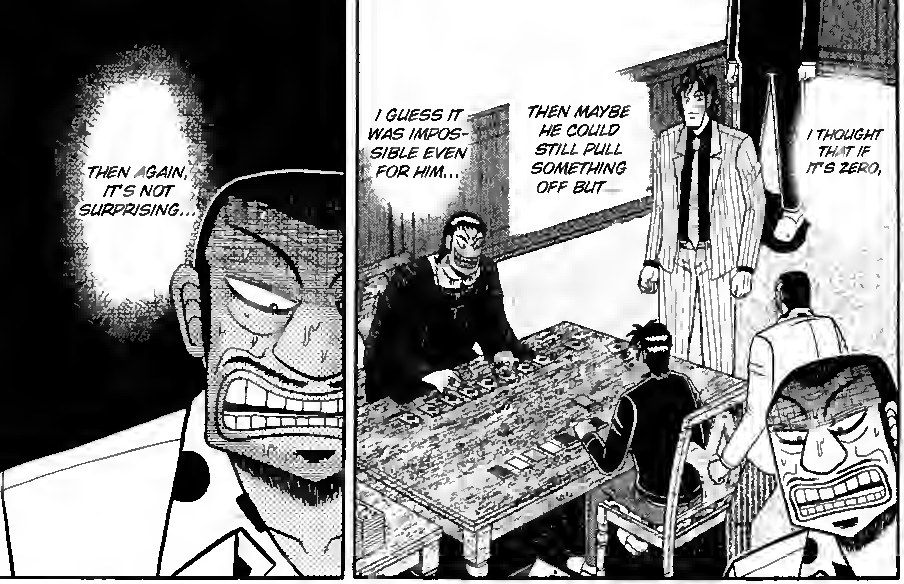
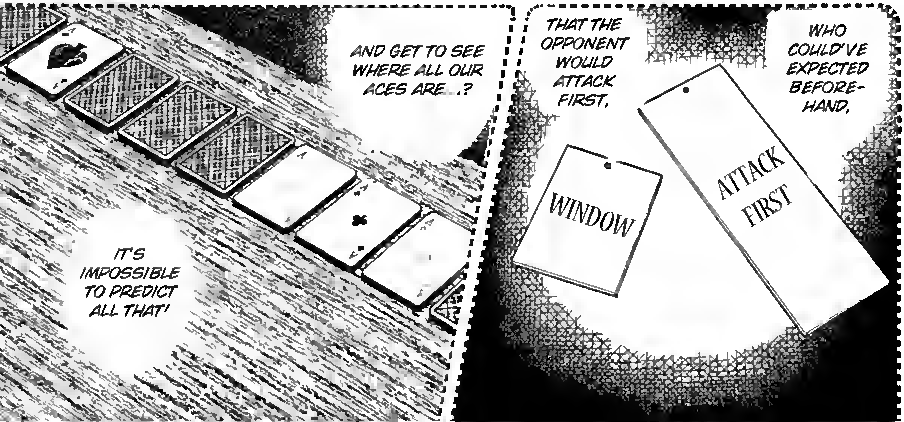
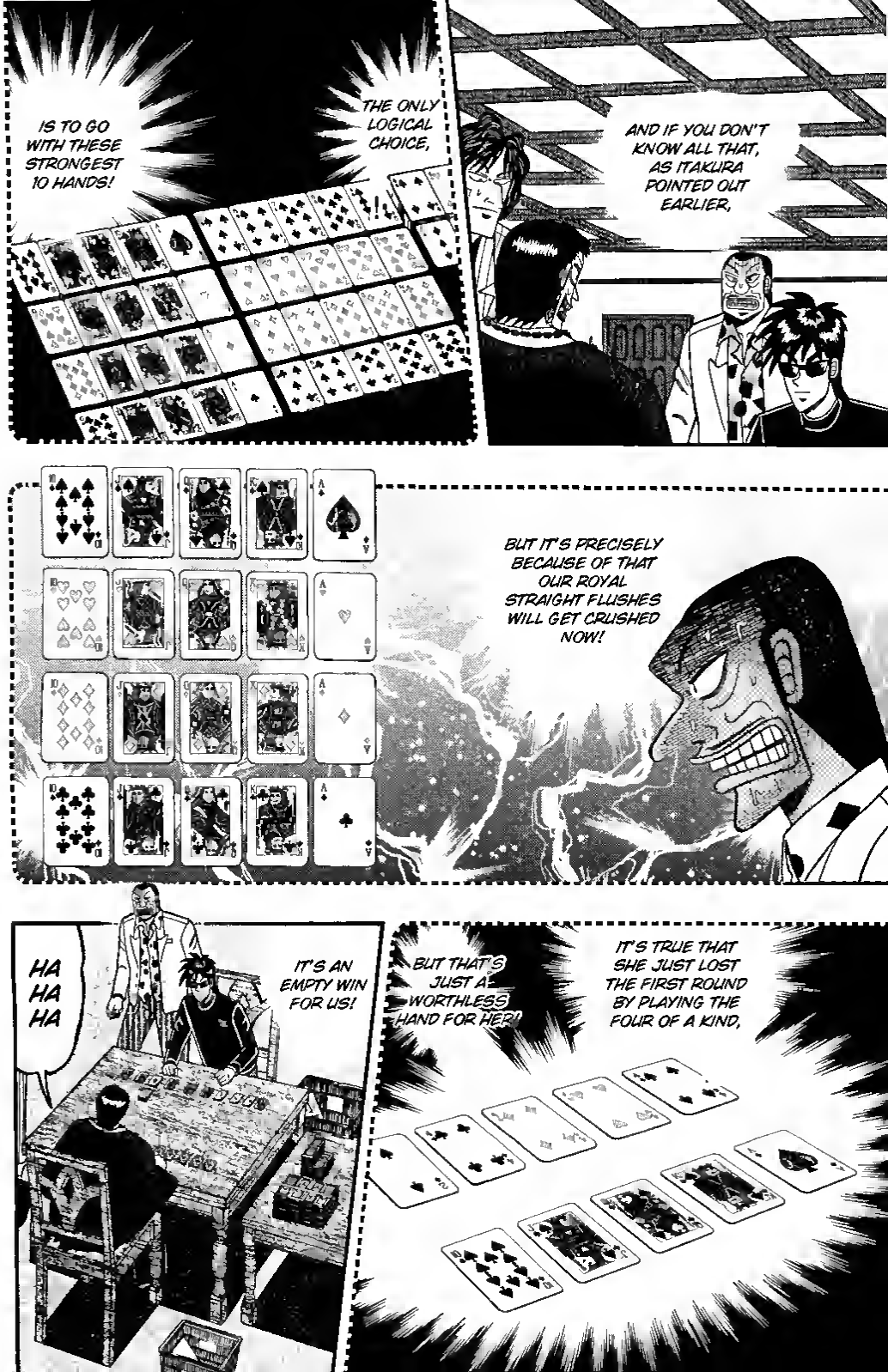
THIS IS A DISASTER!
UGH!
KA HA HA HA
KEE HEE HEE HEE
I GUESS I EXPECTED TOO MUCH


THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT SURPRISING...
I GUESS IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE EVEN FOR HIM...
THEN MAYBE HE COULD STILL PULL SOMETHING OFF BUT
I THOUGHT THAT IF IT'S ZERO,

AS A SHOPPING TIME BEFORE THE MATCH...!?
先攻権
空心
小窓
小窓
小窓
小窓
I MEAN... HOW COULD ANYBODY EXPECT THAT THERE'D BE SOMETHING AS RIDICULOUS,


AND GET TO SEE WHERE ALL OUR ACES ARE...?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT ALL THAT!
THAT THE OPPONENT WOULD ATTACK FIRST,
WHO COULD'VE EXPECTED BEFOREHAND,
WINDOW
ATTACK FIRST


IS TO GO WITH THESE STRONGEST 10 HANDS!
THE ONLY LOGICAL CHOICE,
AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW ALL THAT, AS ITAKURA POINTED OUT EARLIER,
BUT IT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THAT OUR ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES WILL GET CRUSHED NOW!
HA HA HA
IT'S AN EMPTY WIN FOR US!
BUT THAT'S JUST A WORTHLESS HAND FOR HER!
IT'S TRUE THAT SHE JUST LOST THE FIRST ROUND BY PLAYING THE FOUR OF A KIND,

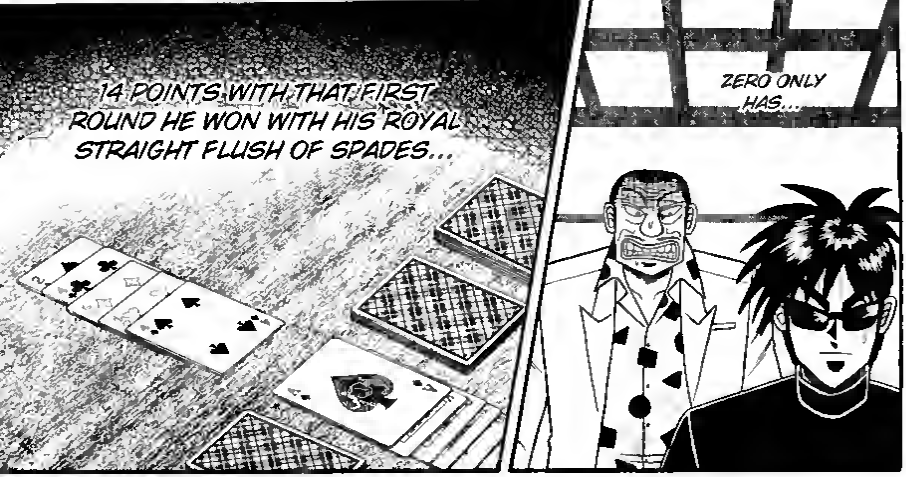
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WENT AND LOST THE CRITICAL FIRST ROUND...
SILLY ME..
WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?
OH,
I CAN EASILY MAKE,
BUT IN ANY CASE,
THIS WAS THE BEST-CASE SCENARIO.
OF COURSE, IF I HAD TO LOSE,
HA HA HA
A GRAND COME-BACK!

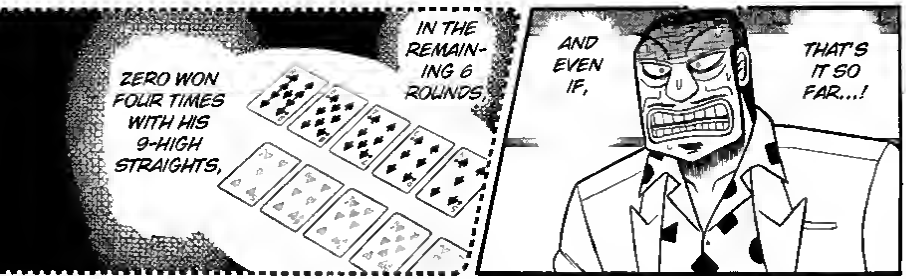
HEE HEE
FOR THOSE 3 HANDS OF YOURS, I'LL PLAY...
HERE I COME!
READY OR NOT,

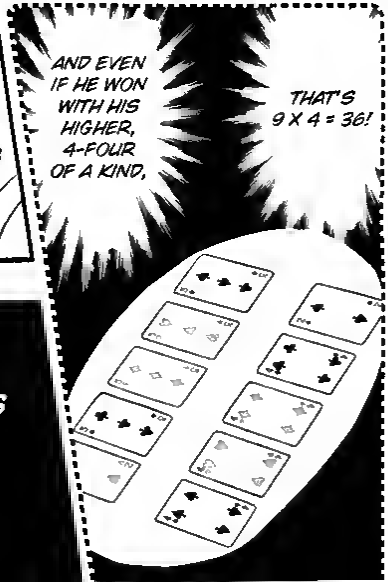
THIS,
THIS,
AND THIS!
WELL?

Junko's royal straight flushes,
Need-less to say,
JUDGE!
WELL!? WELL!? WELL!?
Easily won,
WERE BEATEN BY HERS OF A HIGHER SUIT...
ALL OF OUR ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES,
NGH...
KEE HEE HEE!
KAKA KAKA!
3 straight rounds!
THE ABSOLUTE WORST-CASE SCENARIO!
THIS IS...

WHICH IS 14 FOR ACES...!
EACH AT THE MAXIMUM POINT VALUE,
SHE'S MANAGED TO WIN 3 ROUNDS,
WITH THESE 4 ROUNDS,
WHICH WILL GUARANTEE HER ANOTHER WIN DOWN THE ROAD...
SHE STILL HAS THE ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH OF CLUBS LEFT,
NOT ONLY THAT,
SHE ALREADY HAS A TOTAL OF 56 POINTS!
THAT'S... 14 X 4 = 56!
MEAN-WHILE...
SHE'S ACTUALLY WON 4 ROUNDS, EACH WITH A 14-POINT VALUED ACE!
SO IN REALITY,



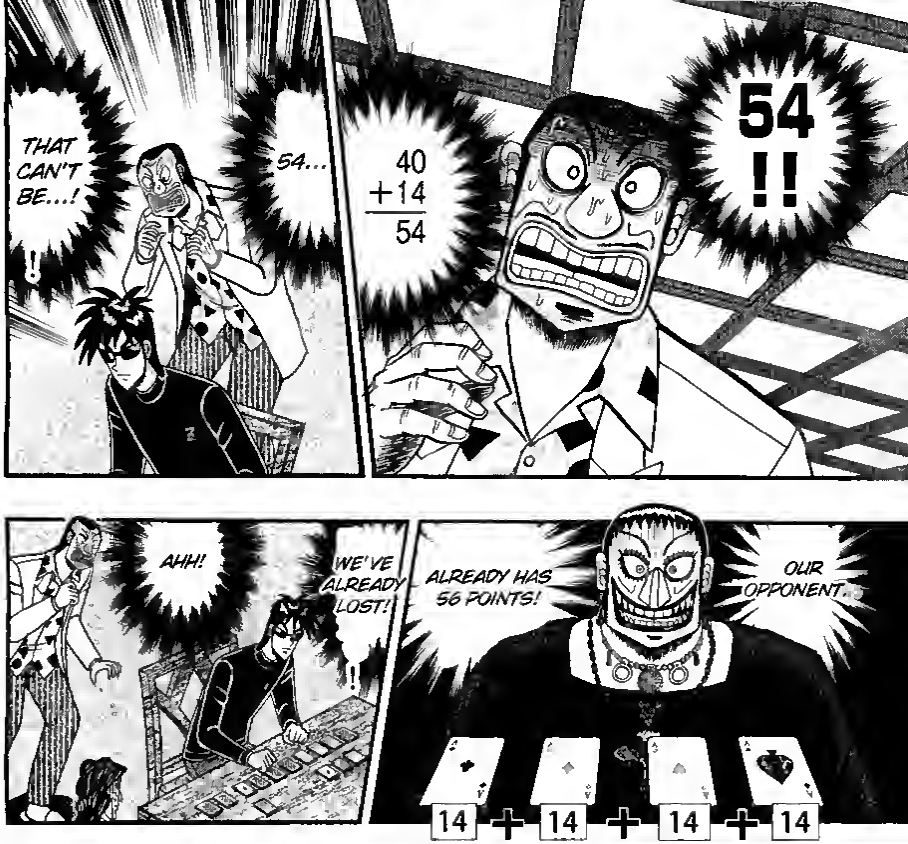




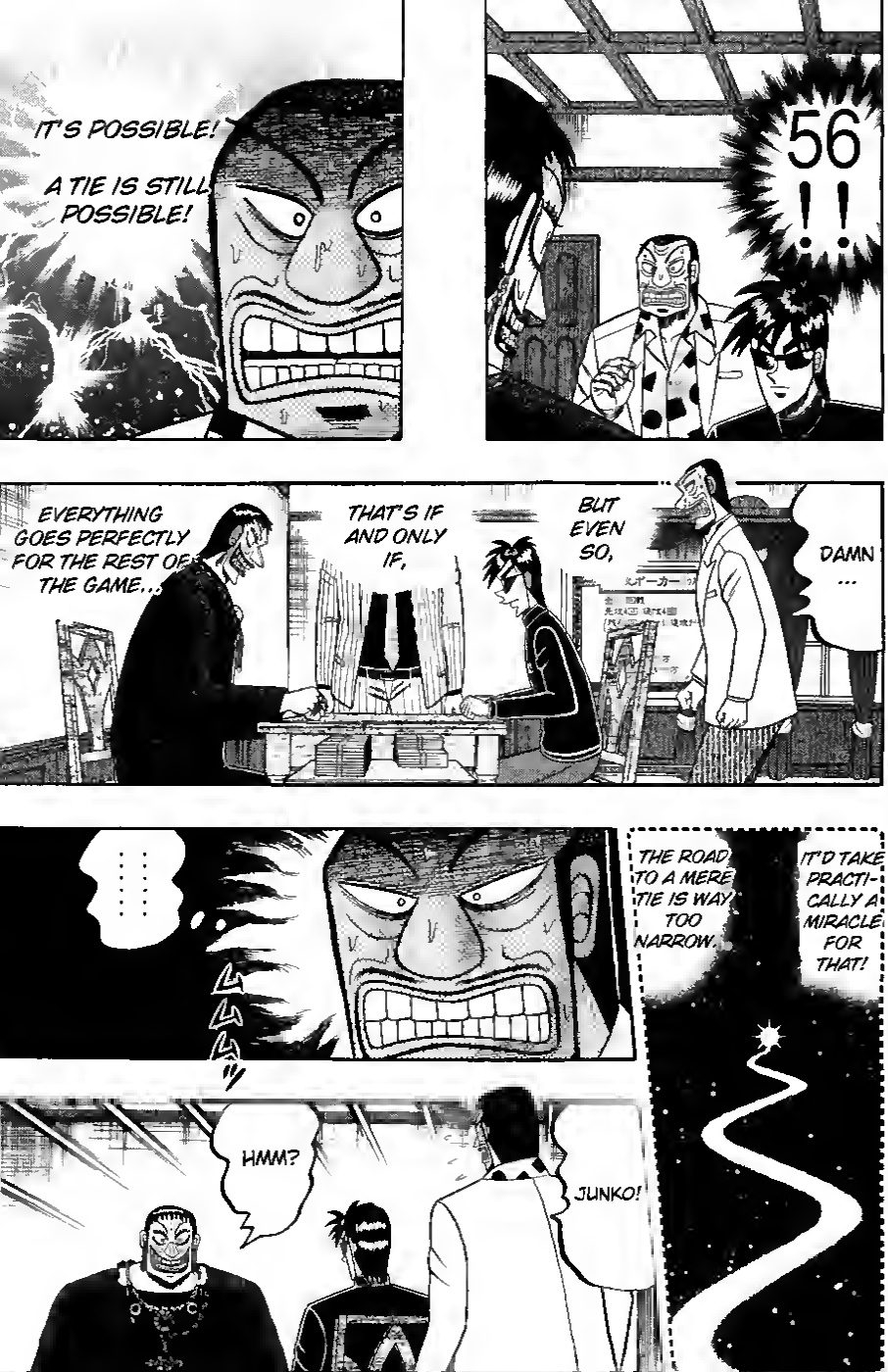
NO, WAIT...

THERE'S STILL THE 14 POINTS HE WON FROM THE FIRST ROUND...

ADDING THAT, THEN IT'S...

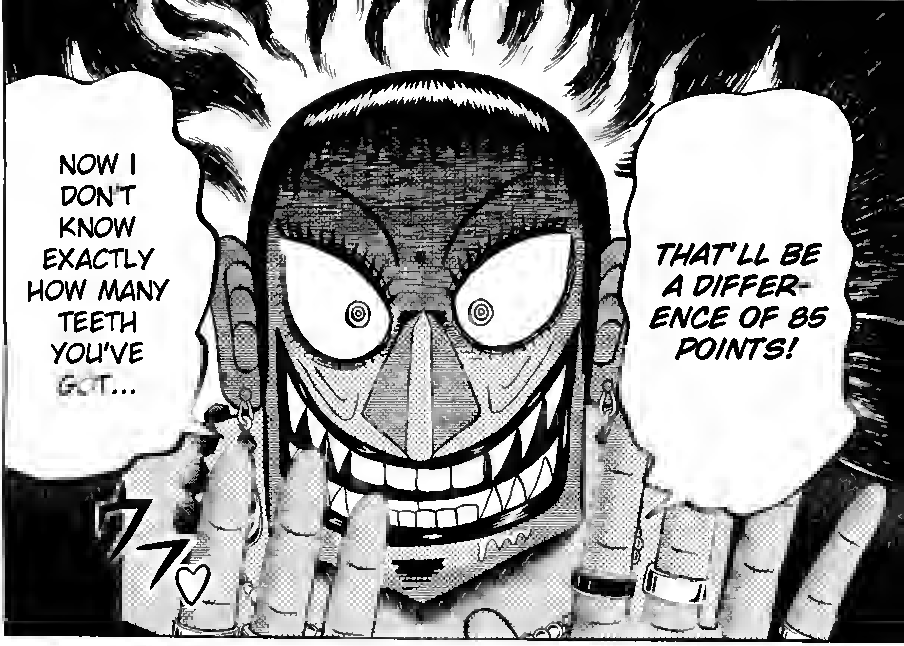

THAT CAN'T BE...!
54...
40
+14
54
54 !!
AHH!
WE'VE ALREADY LOST!
ALREADY HAS 56 POINTS!
OUR OPPONENT...
14 + 14 + 14 + 14

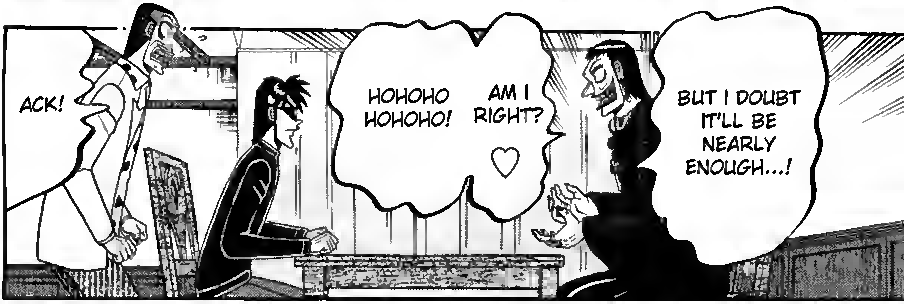
SO IF I ADD THE DIFFERENTIAL,
NO, WAIT A SECOND... THE ROUND SCORE WOULD BE 6:4,
WHICH IS 2 POINTS ...

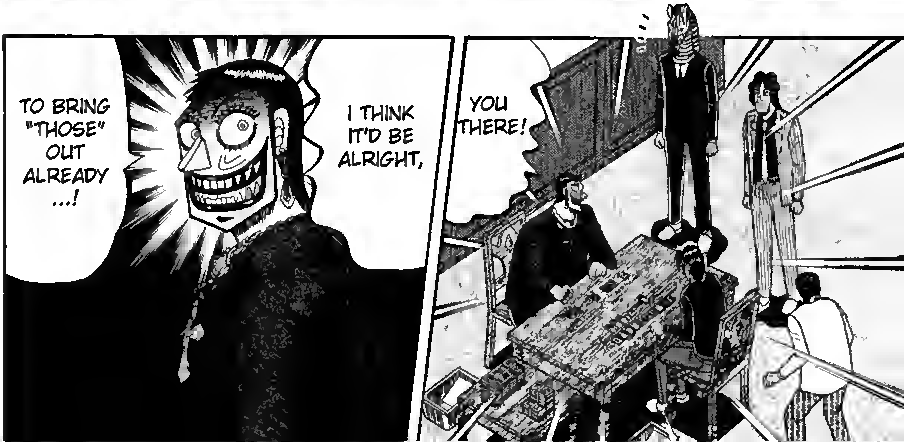

IT'S POSSIBLE!
A TIE IS STILL POSSIBLE!
56!!
EVERYTHING GOES PERFECTLY FOR THE REST OF THE GAME...
THAT'S IF AND ONLY IF,
BUT EVEN SO,
DAMN...
.....
ムムム"
THE ROAD TO A MERE TIE IS WAY TOO NARROW.
IT'D TAKE PRACTICALLY A MIRACLE FOR THAT!
HMM?
JUNKO!

HOW MUCH WILL IT BE?
HUH?
HOW MUCH WHAT WILL BE?
IF IN THE CASE THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY,
YOU CAN'T JUST AUTO-MATICALLY TAKE ALL THE TEETH YOU WANT!
SO I'M ASKING YOU, HOW MUCH ARE YOU BUYING EACH TOOTH FOR!
WHAT!?
DON'T BE STUPID!
I'LL BE TAKING THEM ALL!
WHA!
H-HEY NOW, THAT'S JUST NOT F-
HEE HEE HEE
...THAT IS HOW I COULD REPLY,
BUT...

I'LL PAY A MILLION PER TOOTH!
I SUPPOSE I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE HOPE AS TO KEEP THINGS INTERESTING!
BUT LET ME SAY,
I DOUBT IT'LL CHANGE ANYTHING AT ALL!
IF THINGS TURN EVEN WORSE FOR YOU,
I MEAN, IT'S ALREADY CLEAR THAT I'VE PRETTY MUCH WON.
DO YOU KNOW,
WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN?
ZERO, MY DEAR,
THEN YOU MIGHT JUST END THIS GAME WITH ONLY 14 POINTS...!
AGH!
BY MY CALCUL-ATIONS...

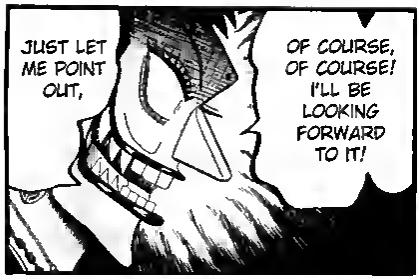

NOW I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW MANY TEETH YOU'VE GOT...
THAT'LL BE A DIFFERENCE OF 85 POINTS!


ACK!
HOHOHO HOHOHO!
AM I RIGHT?
BUT I DOUBT IT'LL BE NEARLY ENOUGH...!

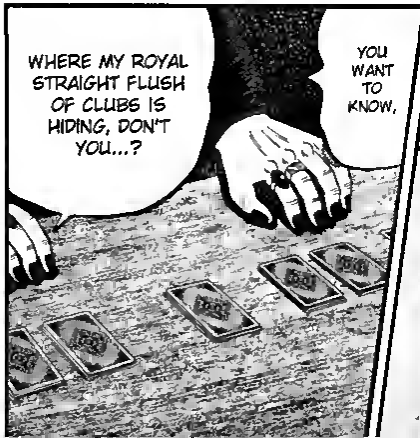

TO BRING "THOSE" OUT ALREADY ...!
I THINK IT'D BE ALRIGHT,
YOU THERE!

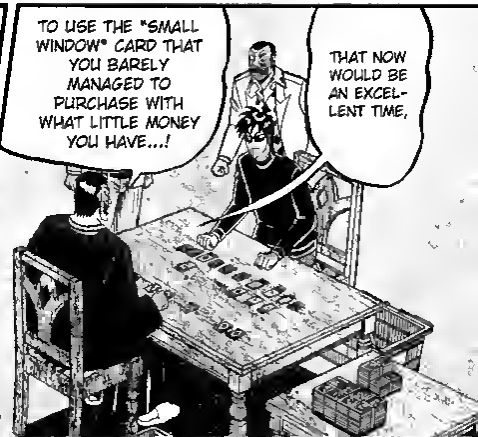
Teeth Extraction Kit
カラ
カラ
カラ..
AGHH!
BUT...
I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERNS,
I'LL BE FINE...!
エリザベス・シュンコ
Z-ZERO!
SUEZAKI,

BECAUSE IT'LL BE MY TURN NOW,
AND I'LL COUNTER-ATTACK ACCORD-INGLY!


JUST LET ME POINT OUT,
OF COURSE, OF COURSE! I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

HA HA HA


WHERE MY ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH OF CLUBS IS HIDING, DON'T YOU...?
YOU WANT TO KNOW,


TO USE THE "SMALL WINDOW" CARD THAT YOU BARELY MANAGED TO PURCHASE WITH WHAT LITTLE MONEY YOU HAVE...!
THAT NOW WOULD BE AN EXCEL-LENT TIME,

IF YOU DON'T GET RID OF THAT HAND NOW FOR SURE,
IT'LL BE TROUBLE WITH A CAPITAL T AS IN TEETH!

THANKS FOR THE WARNING...

NGHH.
YOU WON'T BE HAVING MUCH FOR LONGER...!
ホホホ!
WHICH BY THE WAY,

BUT!
RIGHT, RIGHT ...!?

GETTING THAT LAST ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH OUT OF THE WAY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR ME TO DO!
AS YOU POINTED OUT,

YOUR ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH OF CLUBS, THAT IS...!
BECAUSE IT'S HERE, ISN'T IT!?
WHA?
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO USE MY SMALL WINDOW JUST YET...!
ZERO!
AHHH!
WHA?
H-HOW DID HE KNOW!? THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE!
WHAT IN THE WORLD...!?

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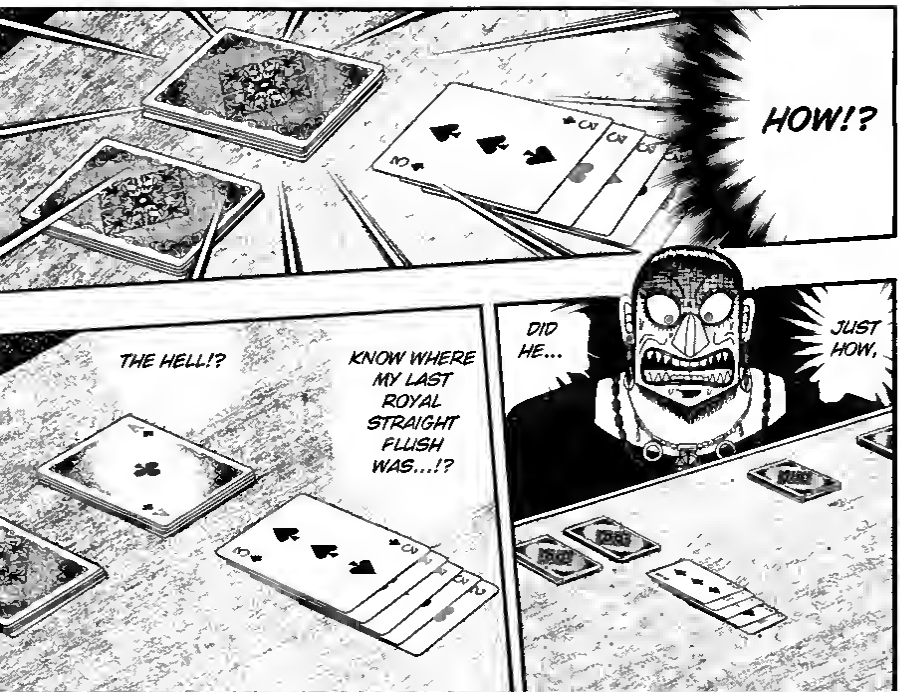
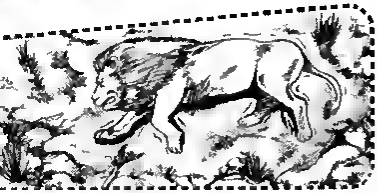
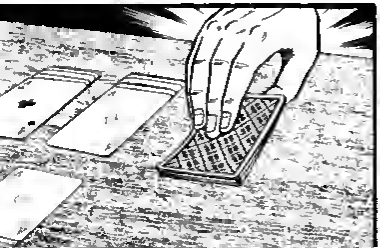


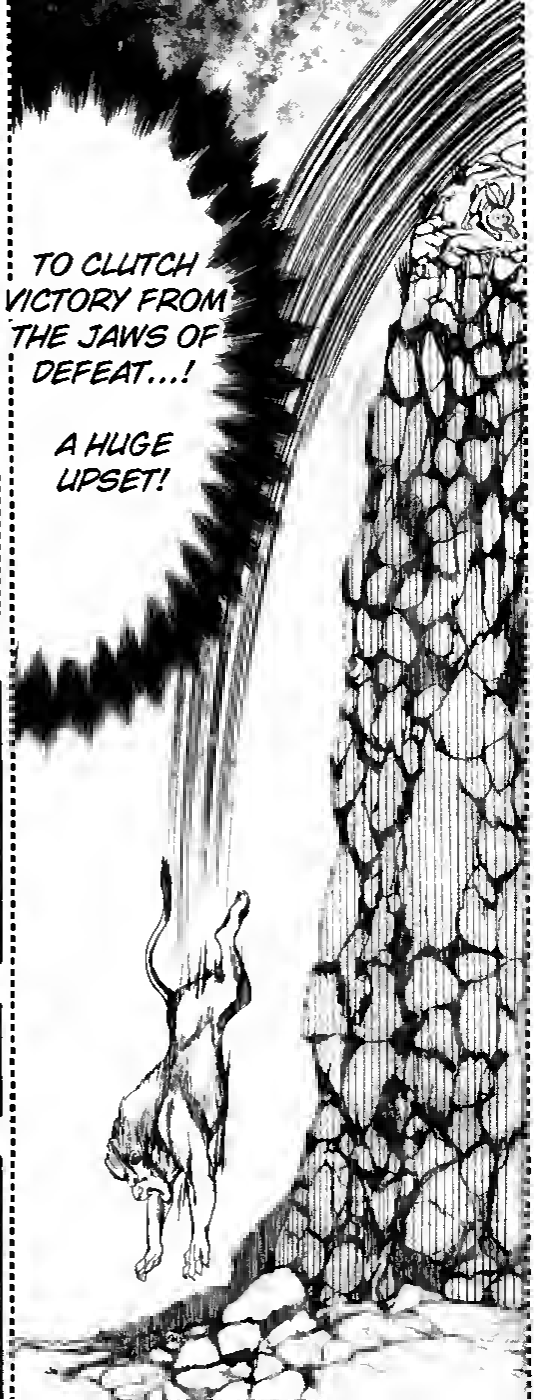
Z-ZERO...!
JUDGING!
HOW!?
OUR FOUR OF A KIND,
YOU DID IT!
YOU DID IT!
HAHA!
HER ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH!
MANAGED TO ELIMINATE,
OHHH!
IS INDEED THE ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH OF CLUBS...!
JUNKO'S HAND,

A WEAK LITTLE RABBIT,
WENT UP AGAINST THE KING OF BEASTS,
THE MIGHTY LION,
AND MANAGED ...



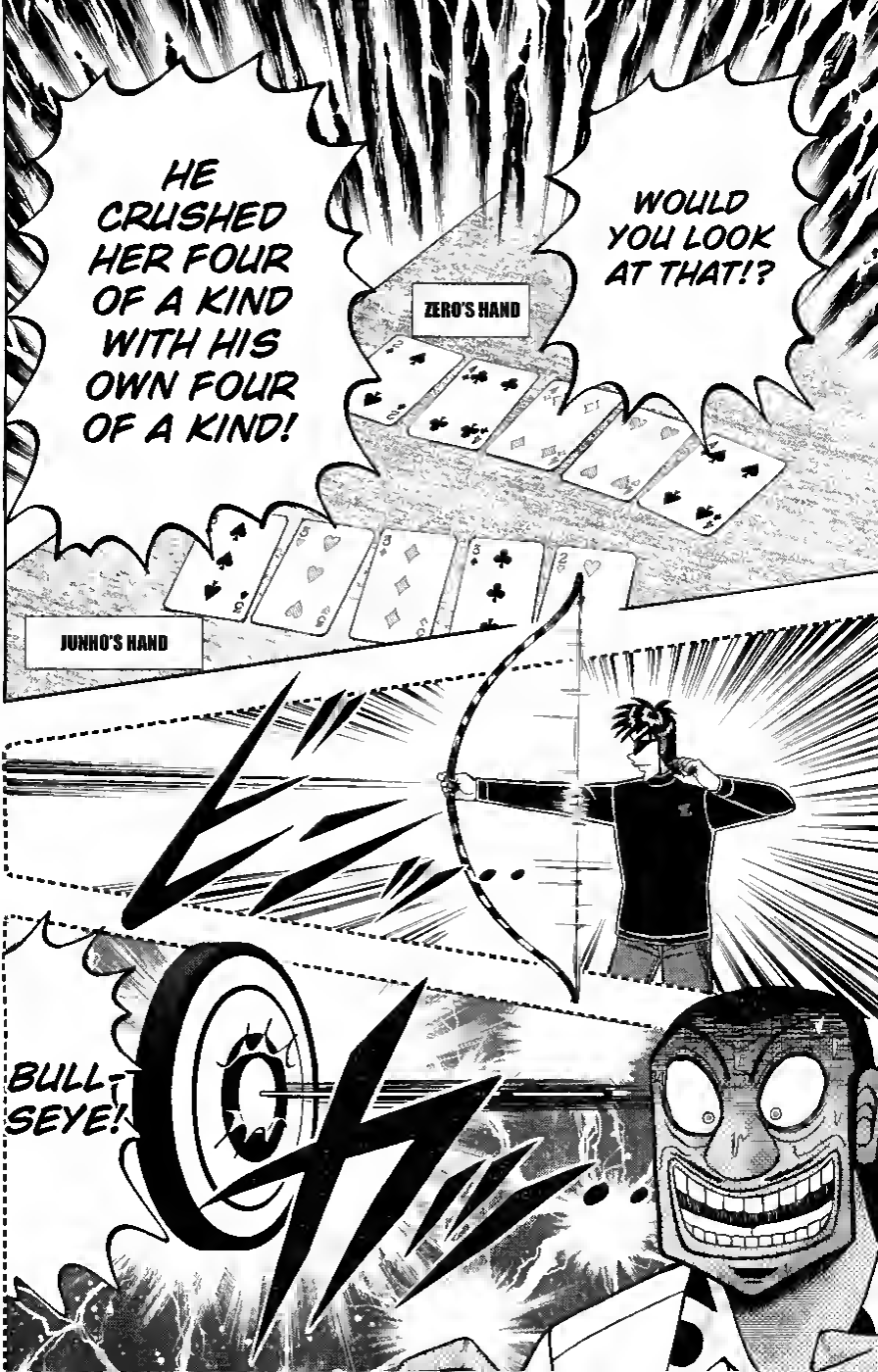
ZERO!
NEXT UP...




TO CLUTCH VICTORY FROM THE JAWS OF DEFEAT...!
A HUGE UPSET!

I'LL ATTACK,
WITH MY FOUR OF A KIND,
AGAINST THIS HAND!

WHA?
AHH!
WINNER: ZERO!
OHHH!
THAT'S...
JUDG-ING!

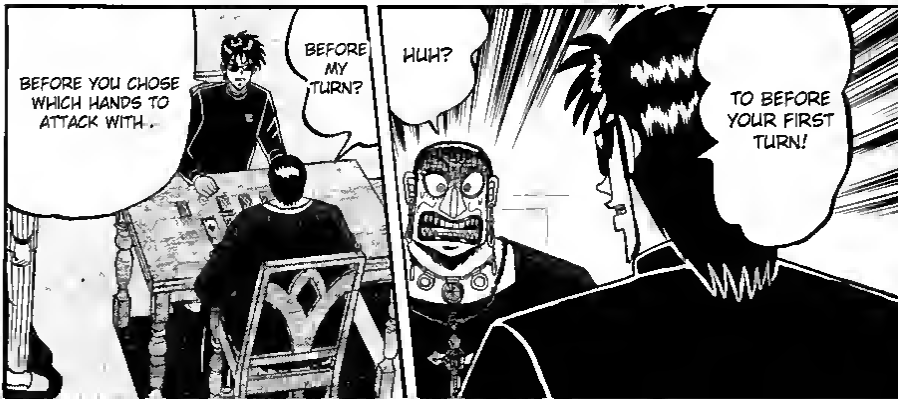

HE CRUSHED HER FOUR OF A KIND WITH HIS OWN FOUR OF A KIND!
WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT!?
ZERO'S HAND
JUNHO'S HAND
BULL-SEYE!

HOW THE...
YOU'RE PRACTI-CALLY PSYCHIC!
ZERO!
NGH...
HELL DID HE KNOW AGAIN!?
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!?
HAVING PLAYED 6 ROUNDS,
THE SCORE IN TERMS OF ROUNDS IS...
AFTER 6 ROUNDS OF PLAY,
THE SCORE SO FAR.
LET ME STATE,

ZERO HAS 18, WHILE JUNKO HAS 56.
AS FOR THE POINTS,
IN FAVOUR OF JUNKO. 4-2,
零側
ジュンコ側
.....
YOU ROTTEN CHEATER!
ALRIGHT, COUGH IT UP,
WHERE MY ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH OF CLUBS WAS!?
HOW DID YOU KNOW,
WAY TO GO, ZERO!
HAHA!
NGH...!
THINGS ARE STARTING TO TURN AROUND NOW!
THERE ARE NOW 4 ROUNDS LEFT.
Junko's Side
Zero's Side

WELL!?
AND MY OTHER FOUR OF A KIND TOO!
BECAUSE YOU'RE A THIRD-RATE GAMBLER

TRY THINKING BACK,
IF YOU STILL CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT,
WHAT!?


BEFORE YOU CHOSE WHICH HANDS TO ATTACK WITH.
BEFORE MY TURN?
HUH?
TO BEFORE YOUR FIRST TURN!

YOU FLIPPED OVER 4 CARDS!
YOU NEEDED TO DOUBLE-CHECK,
THAT OUT OF THE 4 SUITS,
JUST IN CASE,
CONSIDERING HOW THE SUITS HAVE DIFFERING VALUES,
THAT THE 4TH HAND YOU FLIPPED OVER BUT DIDN'T PLAY,
HAD TO BE. .
WHICH MEANS,
TO ATTACK MY ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES.
YOU ONLY CHOSE SPADES, HEARTS, AND DIAMONDS,

YOUR LAST ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH...!
GAAHHHHH!
Royal Straight Flush of Clubs
W-WHAT ABOUT MY FOUR OF A KIND THEN!?
HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE THAT WAS!?
SAME THING.
JUST BEFORE I SAT DOWN,

YOU FLIPPED YOUR CARDS OVER TO CHECK.
AND SO,
BECAUSE OF MY WINDOW CARD.
YOU SAW THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO SHOW ME YOUR 4s,
AFTER ALL,
YOU HAD 2 FOUR OF A KINDS.
WHICH ONE HAD THE 4s THAT YOU NEEDED TO REVEAL.
SO YOU WANTED TO BE SURE,
TO QUICKLY FLIP OVER AND CHECK!
SO YOU THOUGHT IT'D BE THE PERFECT TIME,
AND IT LOOKED AS IF MY ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON HIM,
BACK THEN, SUEZAKI WAS MAKING A FUSS ABOUT THE DART-BOARD,
BUT LET ME WARN YOU, JUNKO...

I'M NOT THE TYPE TO LET THOSE MISTAKES SLIP BY!
KYAAGHHHH!
YOU LITTLE PEEPING TOM!

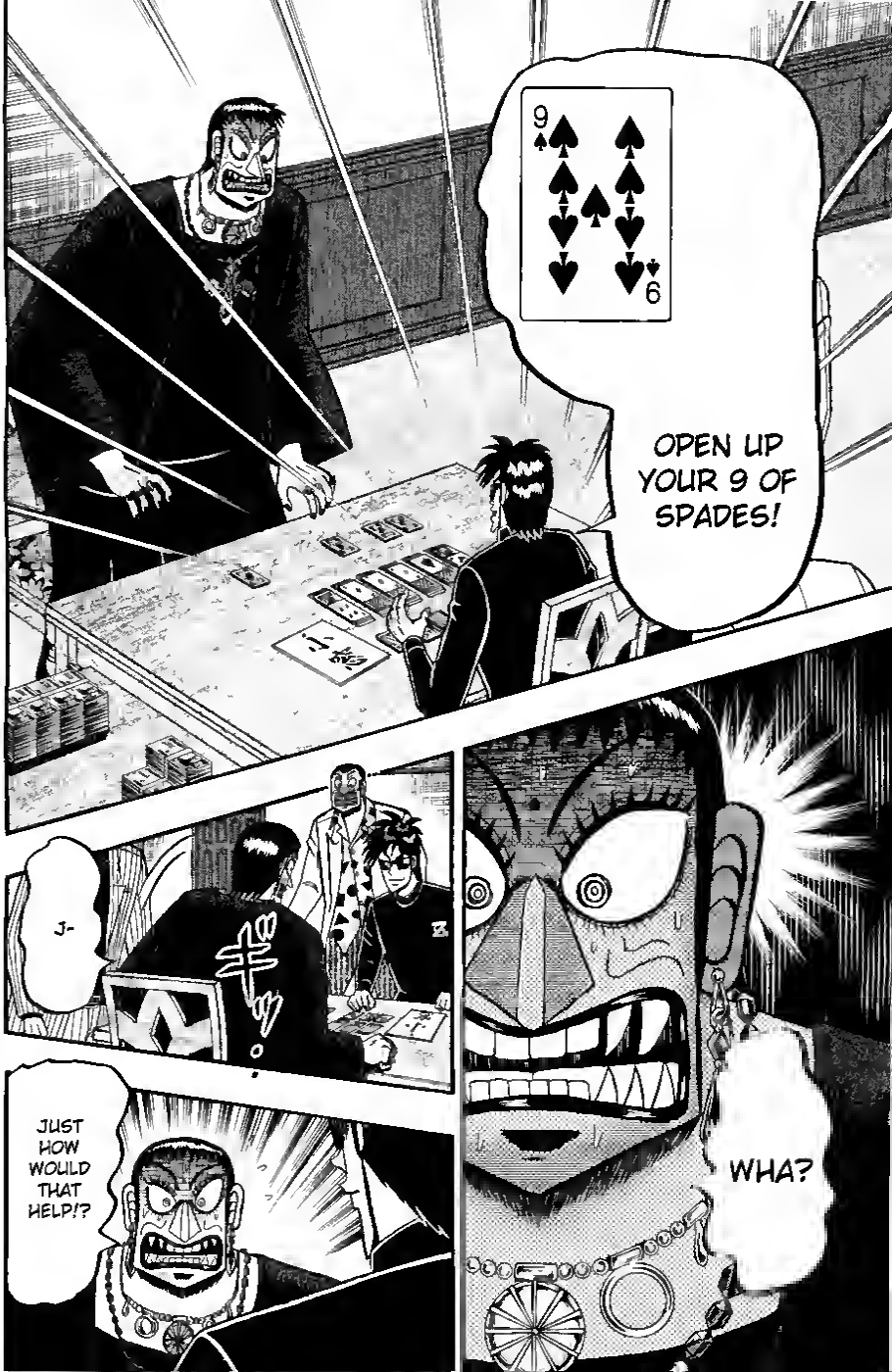
A STALKER!
YOU'RE... YOU'RE JUST A...
A DIRTY STALKER THAT PEEPS ON LADIES LIKE MYSELF!
YOU WERE TRYING TO PREY ON ME,
YOU MAKE ME SICK!
WITH YOUR LECHEROUS EYES!
UGHH! JUST THE THOUGHT OF IT MAKES MY SKIN
CRAAAAAAAWWWWWLL!

IT'S OVER FOR YOU!
WELL, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

YOUR LITTLE TRICKS WON'T WORK ANYMORE,
BECAUSE I HAVEN'T LAID A FINGER,
ON THE FOUR STRAIGHTS I HAVE REMAINING!
SO IT'S THE END OF THE LINE FOR YOU!
YOUR LITTLE MIND GAMES,
WON'T WORK ANYMORE!
TRUE...
HUH?
TRUTH BE TOLD,
BEATING YOU WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVEN ME IF I HAD NO FURTHER HELP.
BUT, AS IT STANDS ....

A SMALL WINDOW CARD!
I STILL HAVE THIS!
小窓
ONE CARD OF MY CHOOSING!
THIS ALLOWS ME TO FLIP OVER,
I CAN STILL PULL,
WHA?
WITH THIS,
小窓
A MIRACLE!

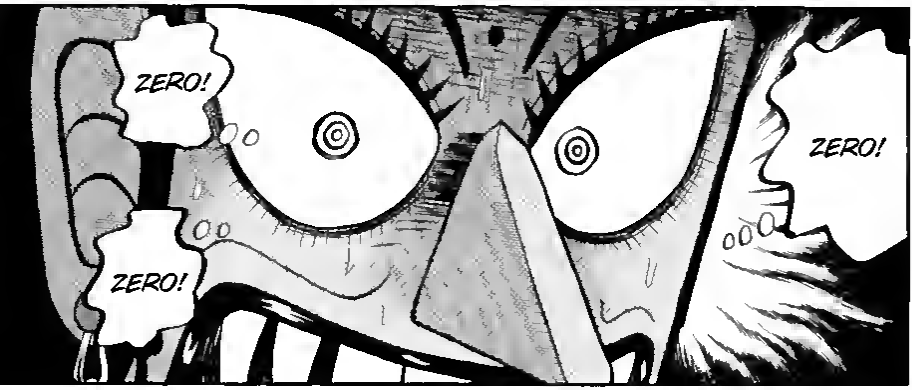
A MIRACLE!
I CAN STILL PULL...
OPEN UP!


9
6
OPEN UP YOUR 9 OF SPADES!
WHA?
J-
JUST HOW WOULD THAT HELP!?

WILL HELP YOU WIN...
THERE'S NO WAY KNOWING WHERE JUST ONE CARD IS,
WELL!?
GENIUS!?
ANY BRIGHT IDEAS NOW,
JUST BECAUSE YOU KNOW,
WHERE MY STRAIGHT FLUSH OF SPADES IS...

HOW'RE YOU GOING TO KNOW WHICH ONE'S THE HEART, DIAMOND, OR CLUBS!?
ABOUT MY OTHER 3 HANDS!
YOU STILL HAVE NO CLUE,
ゴゴゴ
YOU CAN'T, THAT'S WHAT!
MEANING IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE FOR YOU TO BEAT MY STRAIGHTS!
WITH SUITS OF A HIGHER VALUE,
IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MATCH EACH OF MY HANDS,
AND UNLESS YOU KNOW THAT,

THAT ZERO...
COULD IT BE,
MORE IMPORTANTLY...


ZERO!
ZERO!
ZERO!

DOES HE NOT REALIZE HE'S INEVITABLY HEADING TOWARDS HIS OWN DOOM...!?
STILL HASN'T REALIZED IT...?

HE'S JUST IN HIS LAST THROES BEFORE DEATH!
!!
至の
After using his small window card,
Zero,
Without wasting any more time,
To reveal Junko's 9 of spades,
HUH?
One...
Quickly sets out on the offensive again!

AGH!
After these 2 turns,
Two hands are placed forward for attack!
Then two hands!
The player who will attack next,
But as the rules state,
Zero's 4 turns on offense comes to an end.

4 turns on offense, 4 turns on defense

(For the final 2 turns, the player who started on defense at the beginning will play first.)

Is the one who started on defense at the beginning of the game.

He attacks for the 3rd time in a row!
A relent-less push,
AGHH!
JUDGING!
And the result...
Junko's Hands
Zero's Hands
Towards victory!

Zero's straight flush of spades accurately targeted Junko's straight flush of hearts.
WINNER: ZERO!
WINNER: ZERO!
.....
Oo

Three straight wins!
WINNER: ZERO!
All 3 of Zero's straight flushes were matched,
Without a single misstep,
Which were lower in suit-value by 1!
Against those of Junko's,

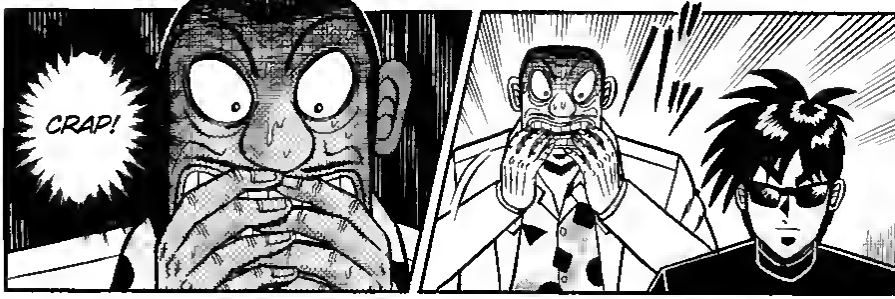
As if accomplished by superhuman eyesight,
WHAA AAT!?
Zero's predictions,
All hit their mark!
AH!
OHHH!

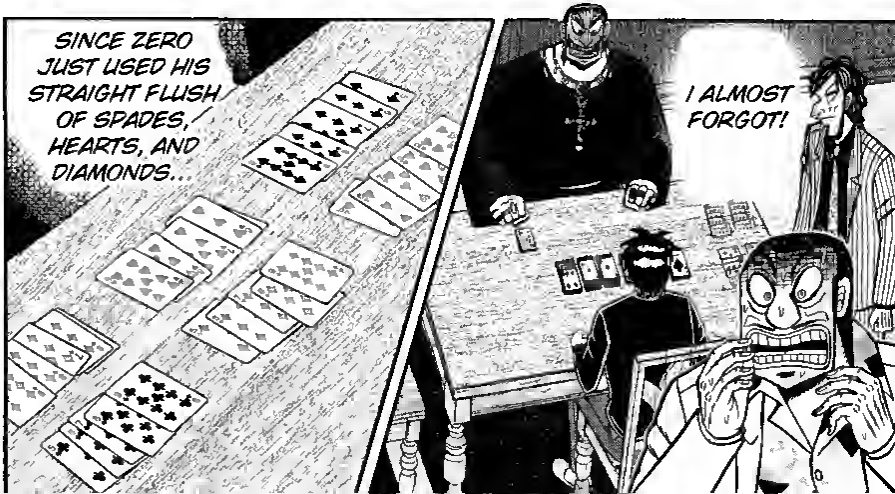
YOU DID IT!
YOUDIDIT!
YOUDIDIT!
YOUDIDIT!
THAT WAS AMAZ-ING!
YOU GOT ALL OF HER STRAIGHT FLUSHES,
BY MATCHING JUST ONE SUIT HIGHER!
THAT WAS PER-FECT!

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE WERE DOOMED,
YOU BEGIN YOUR TURN,
BY ELIMINATING HER REMAINING ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH,
WITH YOUR FOUR OF A KIND,
AND HER FOUR OF A KIND,
WITH YOUR OTHER FOUR OF A KIND!
AND THEN...!
BAM!
3 STRAIGHT WINS WITHIN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!
HE DID IT!
I THOUGHT IT WAS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE,
BUT HE REALLY DID PULL A MIRACULOUS COMEBACK!

WE CAN FINALLY PULL A TIE...
AHH!
AGHHHH!
生還
A REVIVAL!
!!!

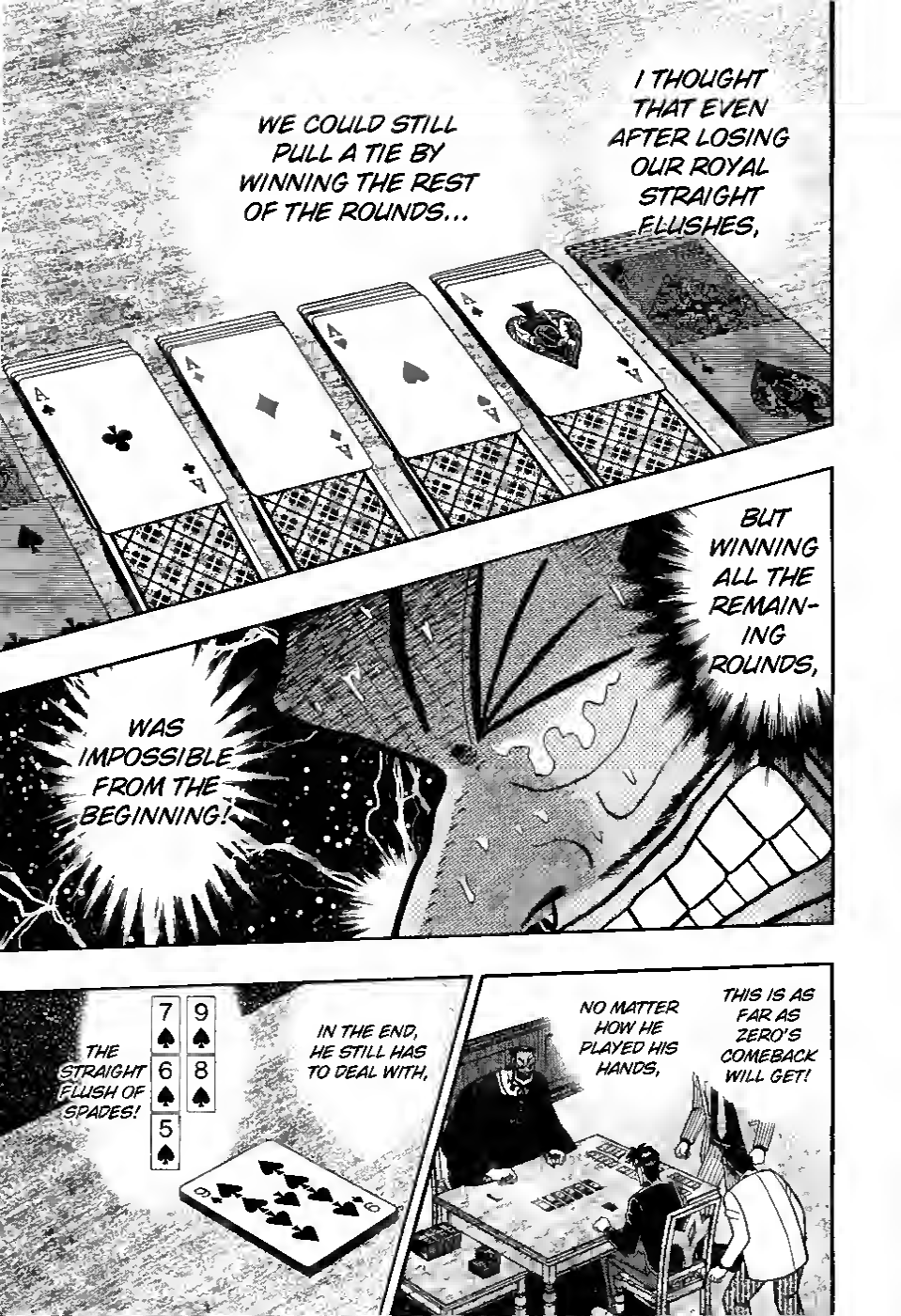
AGHHH!
Junko's Last Hand


CRAP!


SINCE ZERO JUST USED HIS STRAIGHT FLUSH OF SPADES, HEARTS, AND DIAMONDS...
I ALMOST FORGOT!

THE STRAIGHT FLUSH WITH THE LOWEST SUIT...
HAS TO BE NONE OTHER THAN,
ZERO'S LAST HAND,
THAT MEANS,
THE STRAIGHT FLUSH OF CLUBS LEFT!
5 ♣
9 ♣
8 ♣
7 ♣
6 ♣
HE ONLY HAS,
CLUBS!

MEAN-
WHILE,
JUNKO'S
LAST
HAND...
IS THE
STRAIGHT
FLUSH OF
SPADES!
WHICH
MEANS...
I...
!
WE
CAN'T
WIN!
I WAS
WRONG!


I THOUGHT THAT EVEN AFTER LOSING OUR ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES,
WE COULD STILL PULL A TIE BY WINNING THE REST OF THE ROUNDS...
BUT WINNING ALL THE REMAIN-ING ROUNDS,
WAS IMPOSSIBLE FROM THE BEGINNING!
THIS IS AS FAR AS ZERO'S COMEBACK WILL GET!
NO MATTER HOW HE PLAYED HIS HANDS,
IN THE END, HE STILL HAS TO DEAL WITH,
THE STRAIGHT FLUSH OF SPADES!

OUR DEFEAT WAS ALREADY SET IN STONE WHEN WE LOST THOSE ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES!
KEE HEE HEE
HAHA
WE'VE LOST!
BUT YOU SURE DID PULL A MIRACLE!
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT.
WELL THAT WAS QUITE A SHOCK.
KEE HEE HEE HEE HEE
THAT YOUR LITTLE MIRACLE WAS ULTIMATELY POINTLESS!
IT'S SUCH A PITY...

ZERO!
IT'S TIME...
KEE HEE HEE
Chapter 21 Fate
Zero's Hand
TIME FOR OUR LAST DECKS TO CLASH,
AND BRING,
Junko's Hand
OUR FATED...

PREPARE YOURSELF!
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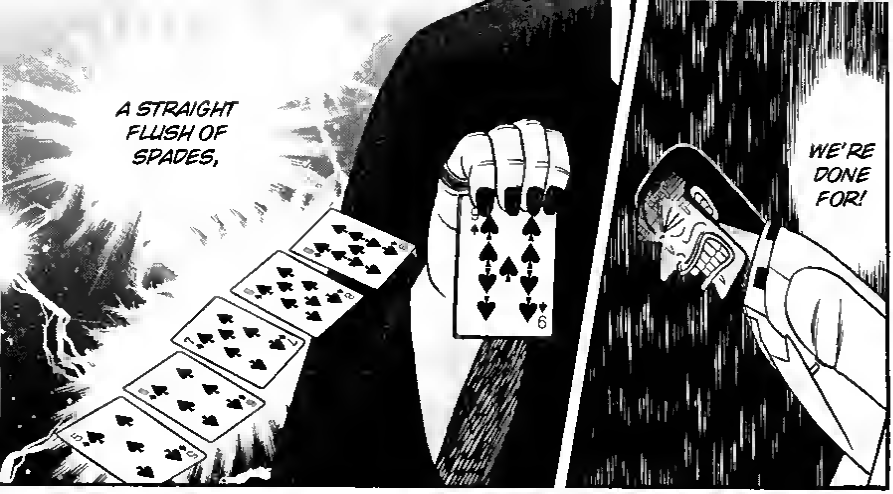
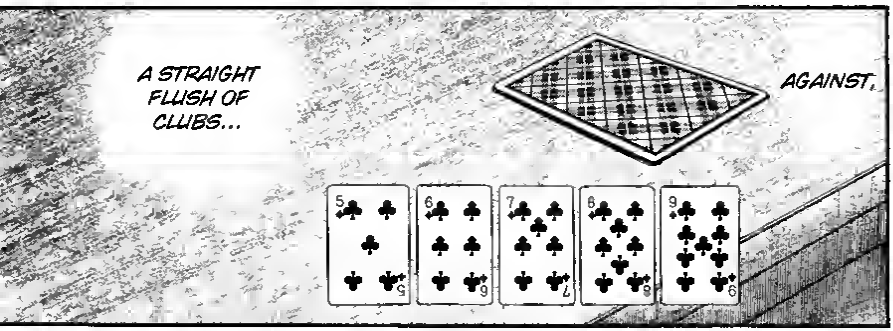
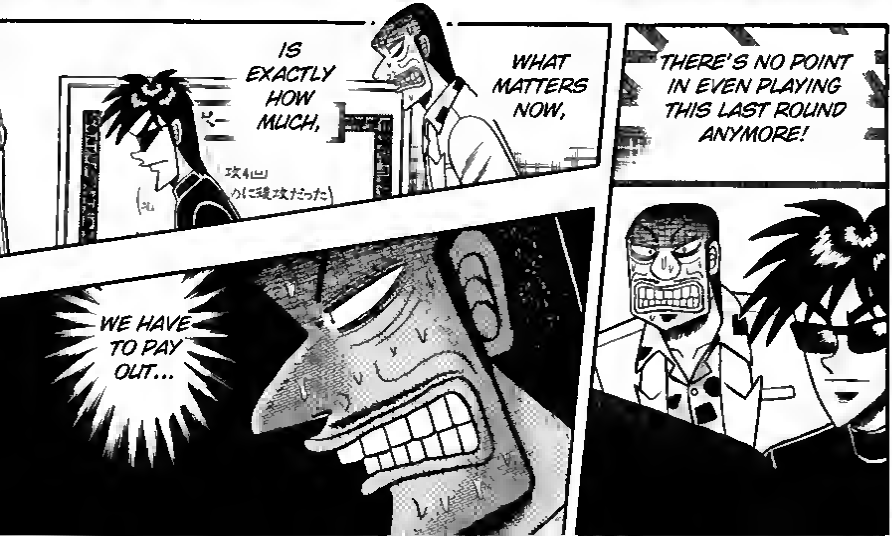
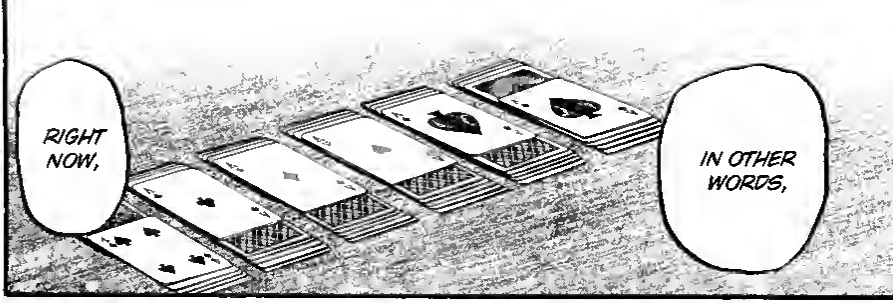
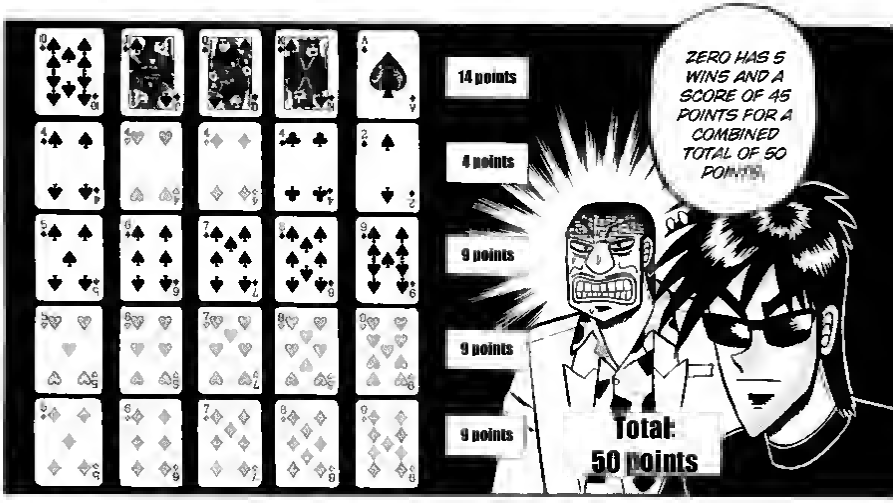
HEE HEE HEE
NGH!
DAMN IT!

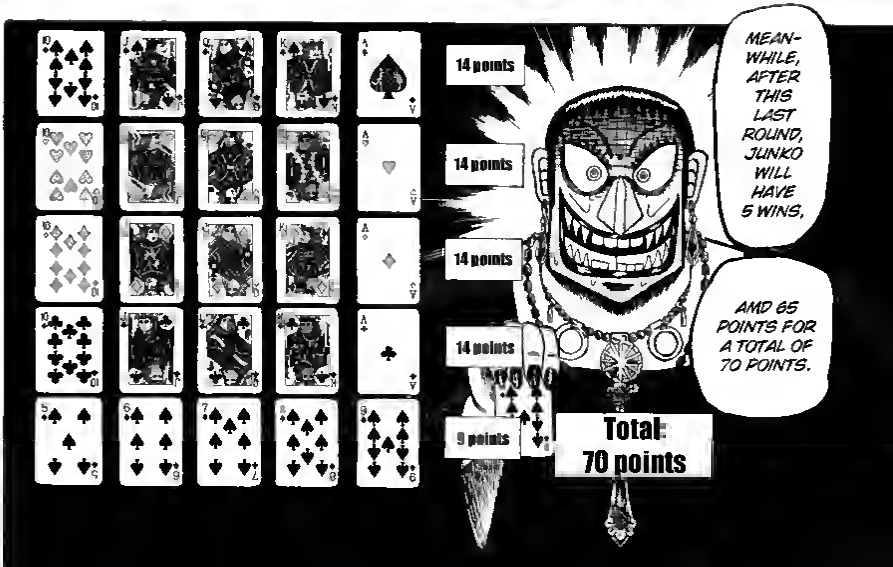

A STRAIGHT FLUSH OF SPADES,
WE'RE DONE FOR!


A STRAIGHT FLUSH OF CLUBS...
AGAINST,


IS EXACTLY HOW MUCH,
WHAT MATTERS NOW,
THERE'S NO POINT IN EVEN PLAYING THIS LAST ROUND ANYMORE!
WE HAVE TO PAY OUT...


RIGHT NOW,
IN OTHER WORDS,


14 points
4 points
9 points
9 points
9 points
ZERO HAS 5 WINS AND A SCORE OF 45 POINTS FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF 50 POINTS.
Total: 50 points


14 points
14 points
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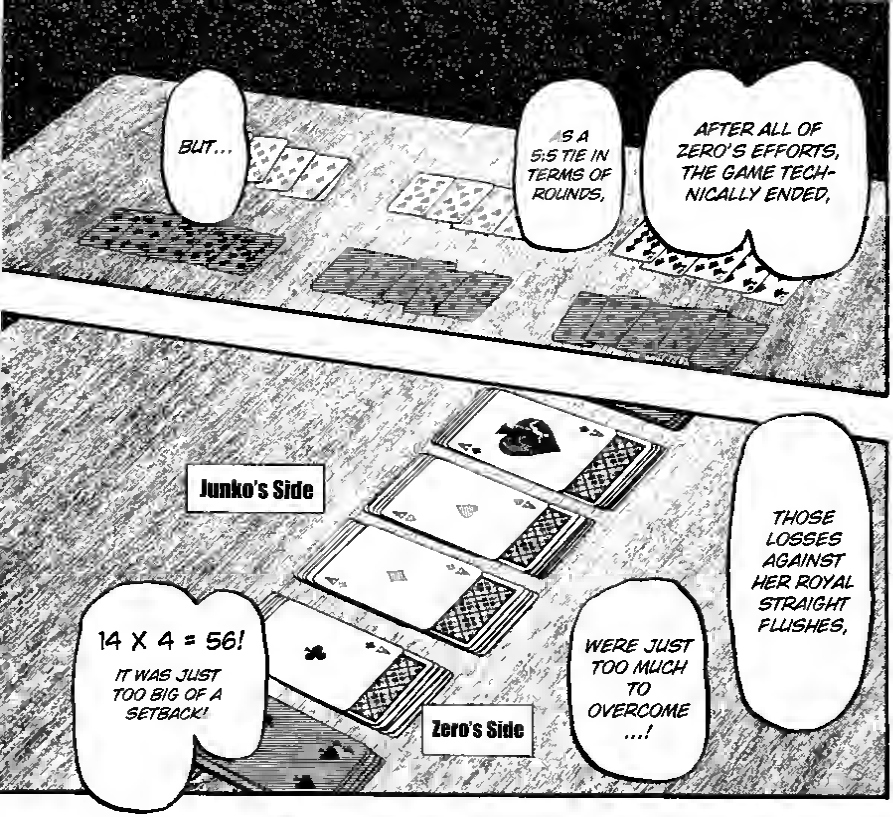
9 points
MEAN-WHILE, AFTER THIS LAST ROUND, JUNKO WILL HAVE 5 WINS,
AND 65 POINTS FOR A TOTAL OF 70 POINTS.
Total: 70 points

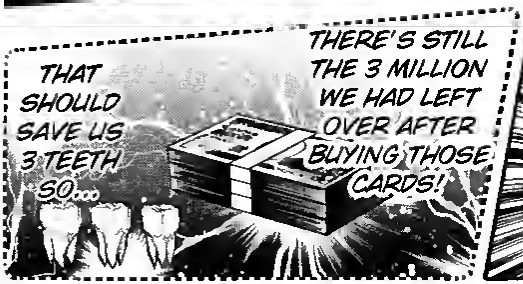

BUT...
AS A 5:5 TIE IN TERMS OF ROUNDS,
AFTER ALL OF ZERO'S EFFORTS, THE GAME TECHNICALLY ENDED,
Junko's Side
14 X 4 = 56!
IT WAS JUST TOO BIG OF A SETBACK!
Zero's Side
WERE JUST TOO MUCH TO OVERCOME ...!
THOSE LOSSES AGAINST HER ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES,

OR IN YEN, 20 MILLION!
WHICH IS A DIFFERENCE OF 20 POINTS...
100

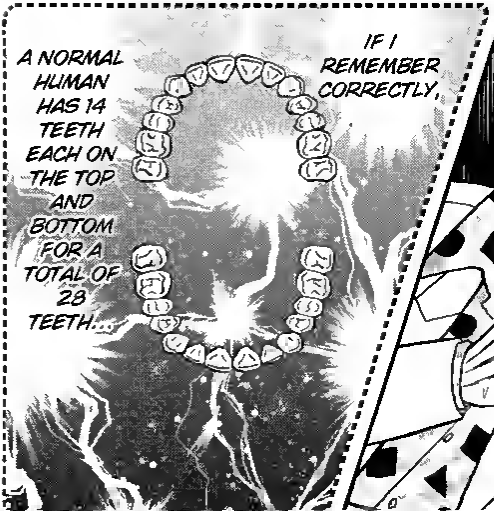
SHE PREVIOUSLY SAID SHE'D BUY EACH TOOTH FOR A MILLION YEN SO THAT'S...

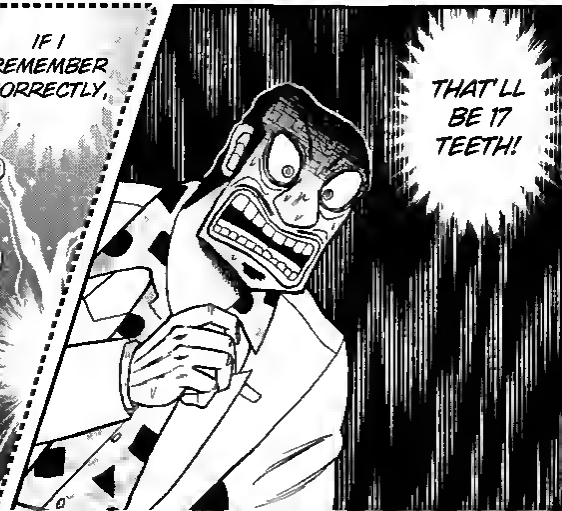
THE GAME ENDS AS 70 : 50,
SO IN THE END,

20 TEETH!
!!

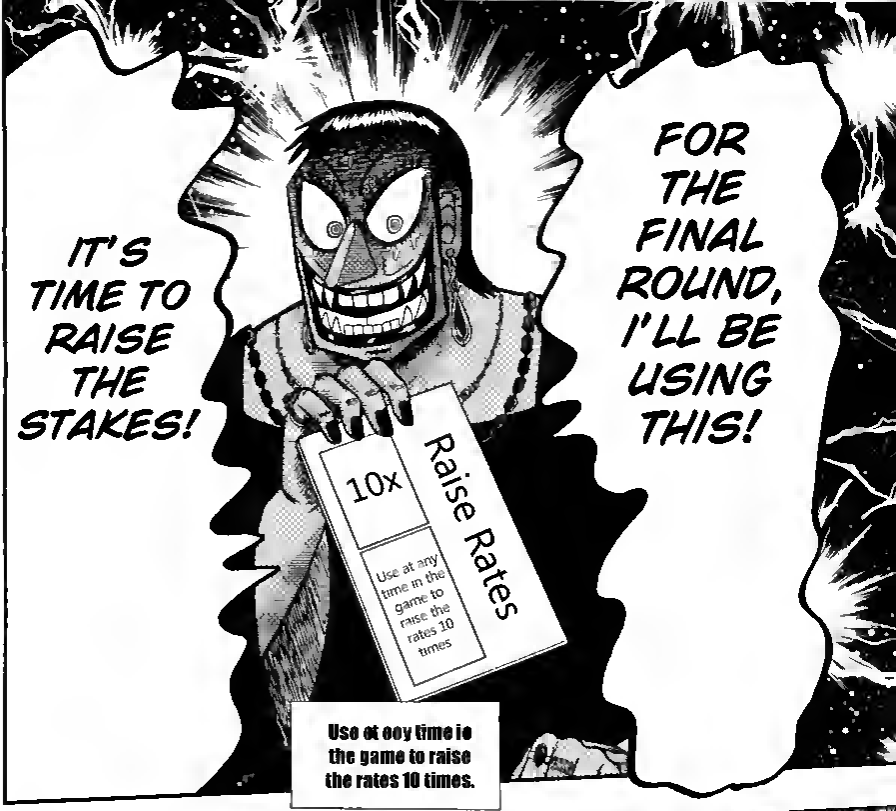

THAT SHOULD SAVE US 3 TEETH SO...
THERE'S STILL THE 3 MILLION WE HAD LEFT OVER AFTER BUYING THOSE CARDS!

WAIT JUST A SECOND...
N-NO!


A NORMAL HUMAN HAS 14 TEETH EACH ON THE TOP AND BOTTOM FOR A TOTAL OF 28 TEETH...
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY,


THAT'LL BE 17 TEETH!

HE MAY NOT LOSE ALL HIS TEETH,
BUT IN PRACTICAL TERMS,
HE'LL STILL HAVE 11 LEFT...!
SO IF ZERO LOSES 17 TEETH,
HEY!
WE'VE LOST IN THE WORST, CRUELEST, AND MOST PAINFUL WAY POSSIBLE
IT STILL THE SAME SHIT!
I'LL BE TAKING'EM ALL!
BUT LET ME WARN YOU BEFORE-HAND,
NOW YOU MIGHT BE THINKING THAT YOU'VE DODGED THE BULLET A BIT,
WHA?
TAKE A LOOK, BOYS!


IT'S TIME TO RAISE THE STAKES!
FOR THE FINAL ROUND, I'LL BE USING THIS!
10x
Raise Rates
Use at any time in the game to raise the rates 10 times
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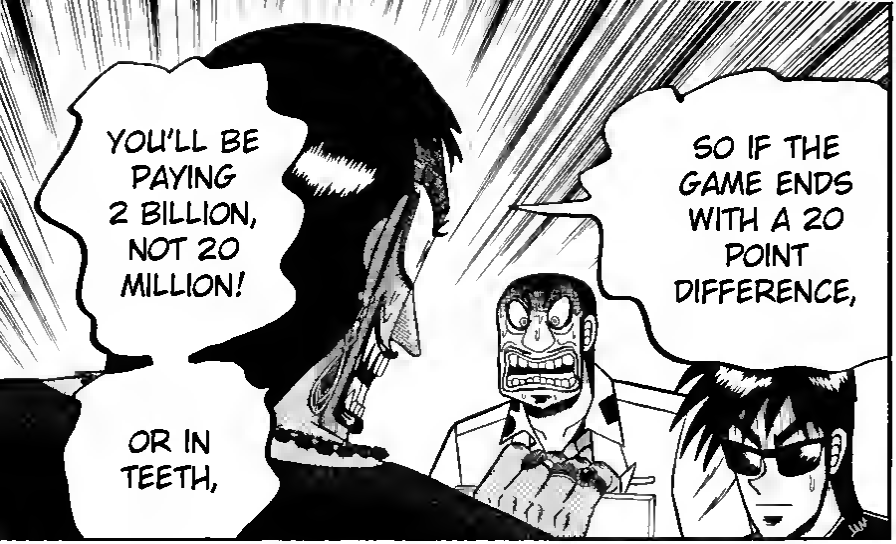
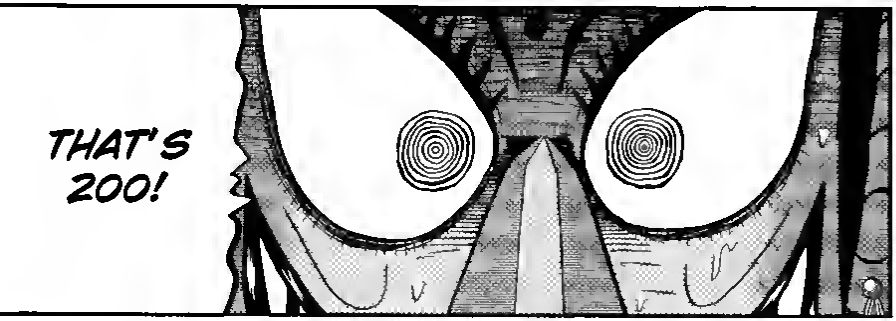
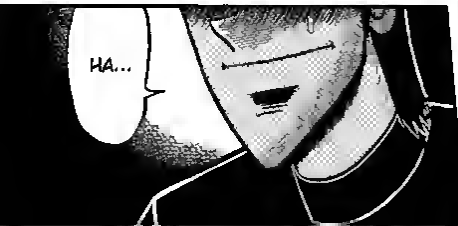
10 TIMES!?
W-WHAT'S THAT!?


SO IF THE GAME ENDS WITH A 20 POINT DIFFERENCE,
YOU'LL BE PAYING 2 BILLION, NOT 20 MILLION!
OR IN TEETH,


THAT'S 200!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS CRAP!?


HA...

W-W-W-
ウフ♡
IT'S THE SECRET THIRD CARD I BOUGHT DURING SHOPPING TIME!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT MONEY,
I JUST WANT THOSE NICE WHITE PEARLIES!
10倍
レート
THAT'LL BE ALL YOUR TEETH!
A SHARK ...?
WHAT AM I,
Did you know that: Most sharks have around 200 teeth.
SINCE I'VE UPPED THE RATES...
NOW THEN!
FOR OUR LAST ROUND!
IT'S TIME,

REMEMBER THIS!

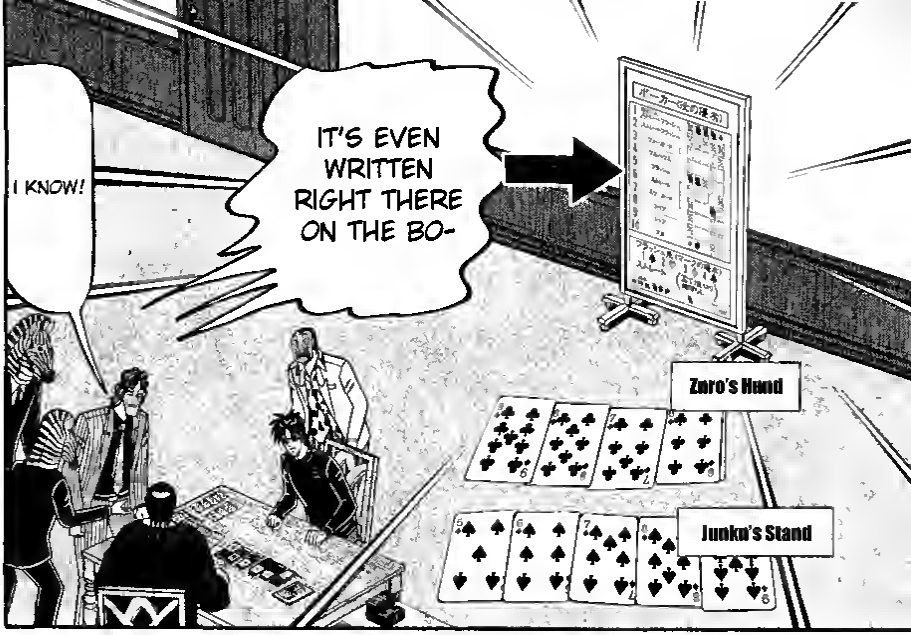
ONLY PLAY GAMES THEY KNOW THEY'LL WIN!
VIPs LIKE ME,

フォフォフォフォフォフォフォ
ARGH HHHH!
YOU WON'T EVER SEE THE LIKES OF US LOSE!
JUDG-ING!
キキキキキキキキキ
ケケケケケケケケケ
JUNKO PLAYS A STRAIGHT FLUSH!
NGRHH...

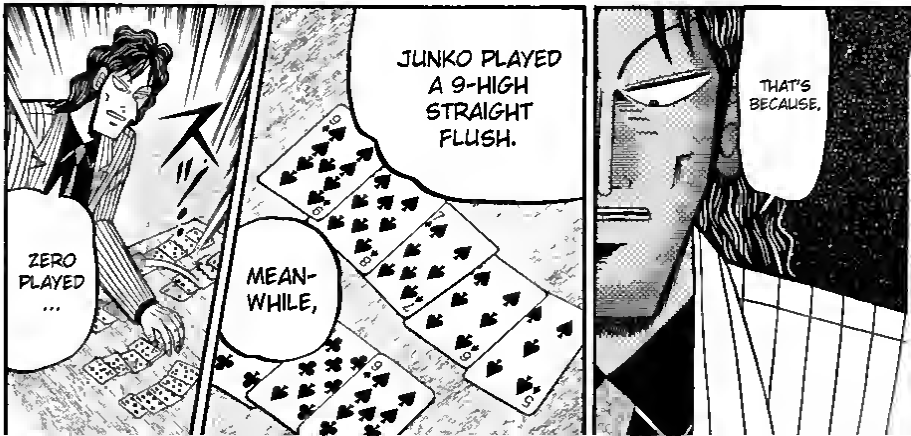
ZERO,
ALSO PLAYS A STRAIGHT FLUSH!
バラッ
歯ハ歯ハ歯ハ歯ハ歯ハ歯ハ歯ハ歯ハ歯ハ
THE WINNER ...
苦ヶ苦ヶ苦ヶ苦ヶ苦ヶ
uu...
TEETH AND BLOOD! TEETH AND BLOOD! TEETH AND BLOOD!

ZERO!
苦…
苦…
苦…

WHAAAAA?
HUH!?
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
LOOK!
MADAME HAS THE STRAIGHT FLUSH OF SPADES,
WHILE ZERO,
HAS THE STRAIGHT FLUSH OF CLUBS!
DID YOU FORGET THAT SPADES ARE VALUED HIGHER THAN CLUBS!?


I KNOW!
IT'S EVEN WRITTEN RIGHT THERE ON THE BO-
Zero's Hand
Junko's Stand

WHA?
REGARD-LESS, IT'S STILL ZERO'S WIN.


ZERO PLAYED ...
MEAN-WHILE,
JUNKO PLAYED A 9-HIGH STRAIGHT FLUSH.
THAT'S BECAUSE,

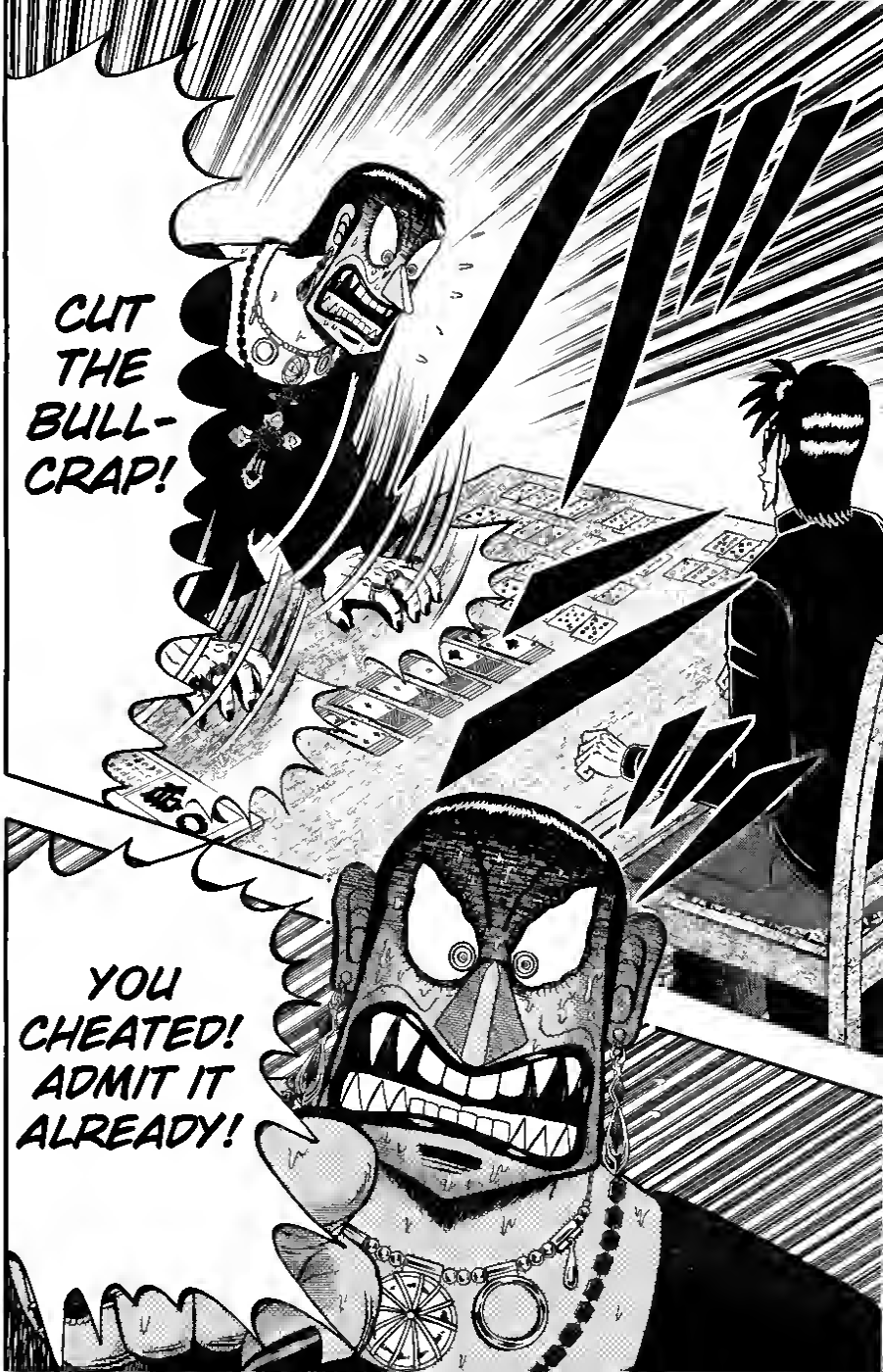
THIS!

A 10-HIGH,
STRAIGHT FLUSH!
AHHHH!
AHH!
WHA-
BUT-
HOW?
Junko's Hand
Zero's Hand
WELL!?
THIS IS BULLSHIT AND YOU KNOW IT!
WHAT IS THIS NON-SENSE!?
I WOULDN'T STOOP,
TO SUCH LOW MEASURES.
OH STOP.
YOU CHEATED, DIDN'T YOU!?

I'M NOT LIKE YOU VIPs,
THAT KNOW HOW TO WIN ONLY BY SHEER FORCE AND MAKING YOUR OWN RULES!
I'VE WON FAIR AND SQUARE.
W-
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN!?

I'M NOT LIKE YOU VIPs, THAT KNOW HOW TO WIN ONLY BY SHEER FORCE AND MAKING YOUR OWN RULES!

Chapter 22 Proper


CUT THE BULL-CRAP!
YOU CHEATED! ADMIT IT ALREADY!

IS SUPPOSED TO BE...
BECAUSE THAT SAME 10 OF CLUBS,
THAT YOUR 10 OF CLUBS WOULD BE THERE!
THERE'S NO WAY POSSIBLE,
RIGHT HERE!
Zero's Hand
IN YOUR ROYAL STRAIGH T FLUSH OF CL-

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'CAUSE IF YOU DO,
T-THEN THIS IS...
YOU CAN'T!
YOU CAN'T PUT YOUR 5 OF CLUBS HERE!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?
WHA-

THIS IS JUST A NORMAL FLUSH!
Zero's Hand
JUNKO,
AGHHHHHH!
WHAT NOW!?
THAT HAND...

WASN'T THE ONLY NORMAL FLUSH,
MADE IN THIS GAME.
WHAT!?
IF YOU TAKE A CLOSER LOOK,
THERE ARE OTHER NOT-QUITE ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES...
HUH?

LIKE IN THESE HEARTS!
Zero's Hand
HUH!?
IT'S NOT JUST THE HEARTS ...
THE HEARTS TOO!?
WHA-

THE DIAMONDS TOO!
W...

WHAAAAA!?
THE DIAMONDS TOO!?
YES,
THE DIAMONDS AS WELL.

IN SHORT,
THE ONLY VALID ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH THAT ZERO MADE,
WAS THIS ONE!
AND SO,
THE THREE OTHERS WERE JUST NORMAL FLUSHES.
HIS UNUSED 10s,
WERE HIDDEN,
RIGHT HERE,
IN HIS STRAIGHT FLUSHES!

LIKE SO!
GAH...
FOR THE 3 OTHER SUITS,
IN THE END, THE ONLY 9-HIGH STRAIGHT FLUSH ZERO MADE WAS THIS ONE HERE FOR THE SPADES.
ZERO ...
Z-

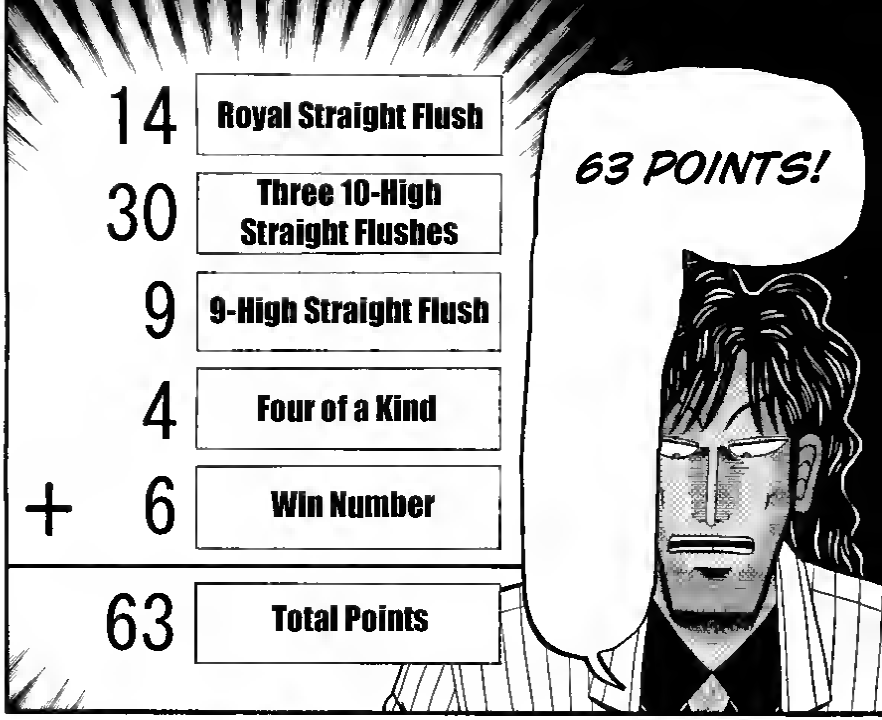
LIKE SO!
THEY WERE ALL ACTUALLY 10-HIGH STRAIGHTS!
Zero's Hands
I DON'T EVEN...
T-THIS IS...
GUH!
THE WINNER IS...
AFTER 10 ROUNDS OF 100-CARD POKER,
AND SO,
THE HELL IS GOING ON!?

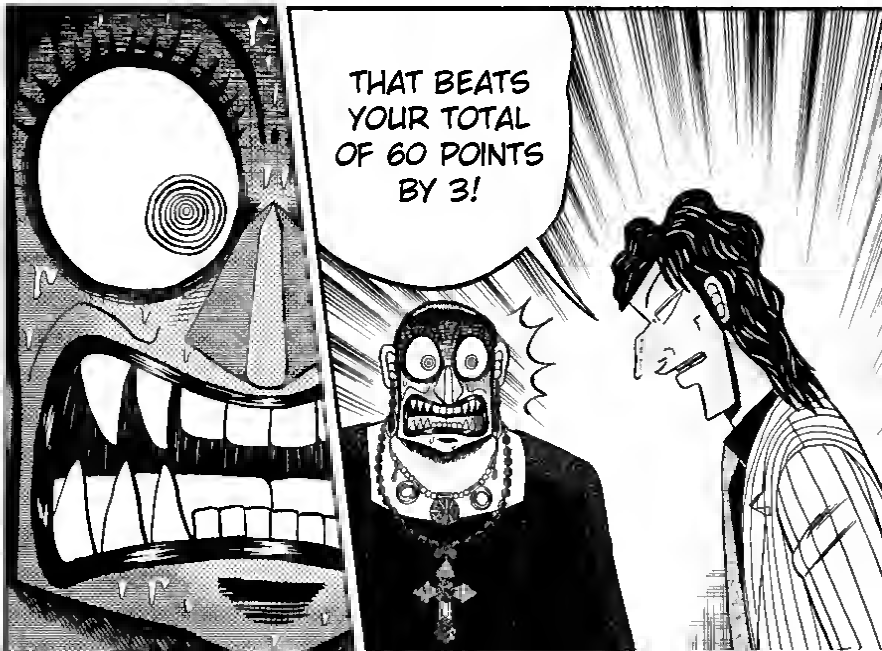
ZERO!

WHA?
N-NO!
THAT'S WRONG!
WHAT'RE YOU, RETARDED!?

WITH ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES!
I STILL WON 4 TIMES,
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD'VE LOST!
UNFORTUNATELY,
THAT'S HOW IT IS,
IF YOU CALCULATE THE POINTS
WHA!?

CALCULATE THE POINTS!?
AS YOU SAY,
YOU DID WIN 4 TIMES WITH ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES,
THAT'S 56 POINTS AND 4 MORE FROM YOUR WIN NUMBER,
FOR A TOTAL OF 60 POINTS.
MEANWHILE,
ZERO HAS 14 POINTS FROM HIS ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH,
3 WINS FROM 10-HIGH STRAIGHTS,
WHICH IS 30 POINTS,
9 POINTS FROM A 9-HIGH STRAIGHT FLUSH,
AND,
4 FROM THE FOUR OF A KIND.
ADDING TO THAT THE NUMBER OF WINS, WHICH IS 6,
THE TOTAL IS...


14 Royal Straight Flush
30 Three 10-High Straight Flushes
9 9-High Straight Flush
4 Four of a Kind
+ 6 Win Number
63 Total Points
63 POINTS!


THAT BEATS YOUR TOTAL OF 60 POINTS BY 3!

IT'S YOUR LOSS,
JUNKO!

MADAM!
GAHHH!
MADAM!
UGH...
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WHAT THE HELL!?
W-
GAAA

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バタ
GAHHHH!
T-THIS CAN'T...
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPEN-ING!
WHY!?
HOW COULD I LOSE!?
AHHHH!

HOW?
HOW?
HOW?
H...
ZERO ...
HOOOOWWW?
HOW EXACTLY,
I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT MYSELF EITHER!
HOW DID YOU DO IT THOUGH...?
DID YOU PULL IT OFF?

EVEN I,
HEH
YOU WERE BASICALLY TRAPPED IN A CORNER!
I MEAN ...
CLEARLY REMEMBER,
あ……!

A NORMAL ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH!
THAT YOU WERE HOLDING,

THE HAND,
BUT YOU SEE,
I ACTUALLY HELD...
YOU WEREN'T MISTAKEN.
NO,
WAS I JUST SEEING THINGS OR...?

OF THESE 6 CARDS!
CONSISTED,
SO IT WOULD LOOK LIKE A NORMAL ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH TO YOU, SUEZAKI.
BEHIND THE JACK,
EXACTLY, BUT I HID THE 5,
6?
TO JUST A FLUSH!
WHICH REDUCED MY ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH,
I SECRETLY TOOK OUT THE TOP CARD, THE 10,
BUT ONCE I PLACED MY HAND ON THE TABLE,
AS FOR THE 10 I TOOK OUT...

AND THAT,
WAS HOW I CARRIED OUT MY SECRET PLAN FOR THIS MATCH.
I ADDED IT,
ON TOP OF MY STRAIGHT FLUSHES LIKE SO...
THE 10-HIGH STRAIGHTS!
I STILL HAD SOME SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE GAME,
SO I HAD TO KEEP THE TRUE NATURE OF MY HANDS A SECRET FROM YOU.
BACK WHEN I WAS MAKING MY HANDS,
SORRY, SUEZAKI.
BY READING INTO YOUR EXPRESSION.
OTHERWISE, MY OPPONENT MIGHT REALIZE SOMETHING WAS UP,

SO...
SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS...
SORRY.

IT'S FINE, I FORGIVE YOU!
YOU HAD ME WORRIED TO DEATH,
BUT I FORGIVE YOU!

HM?
WAIT A SEC...
ZEROOO!
IT'S ALL FINE AS LONG AS YOU WON!
THANKS

THIS TRICK WAS NEEDED
IT'S JUST THAT...
BECAUSE OF THE CORNER JUNKO DROVE YOU INTO...
先攻権
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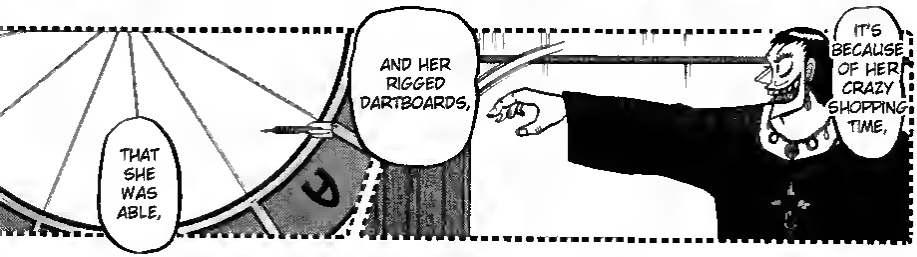

AND HER RIGGED DARTBOARDS,
IT'S BECAUSE OF HER CRAZY SHOPPING TIME,
THAT SHE WAS ABLE,

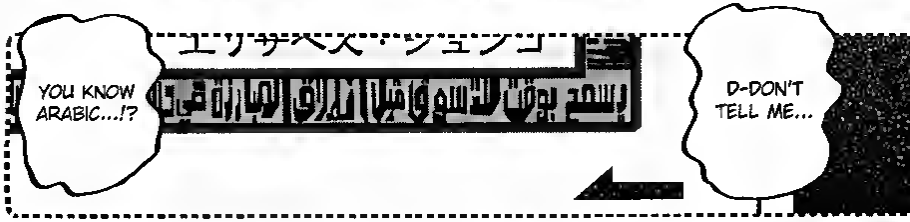
IF YOU KNEW YOU HAD TO WIN DESPITE ALL THESE HANDICAPS,

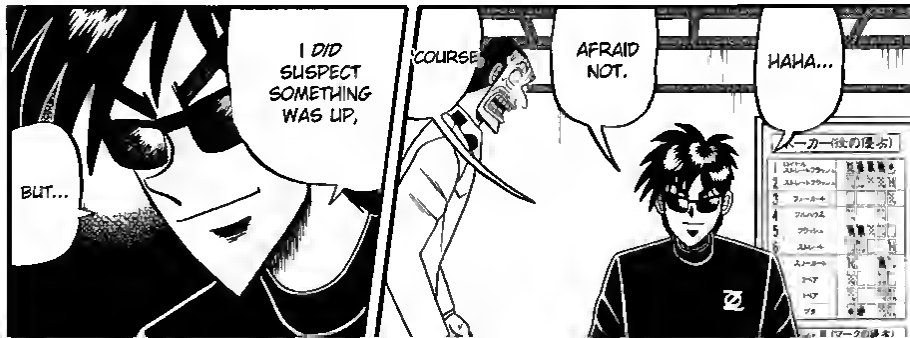
AND KNOW WHERE ALL YOUR ACES WERE.
TO ATTACK FIRST,
先攻権

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU FORMED THIS STRATEGY.
BUT..

BACK WHEN YOU WERE MAKING YOUR HANDS,
YOU AND I,
WERE COMPLETELY IN THE DARK ABOUT THE RIGGED DART-BOARD AND THE SHOPPING TIME...!

SO IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW, THEN HOW COULD YOU...
AHH!

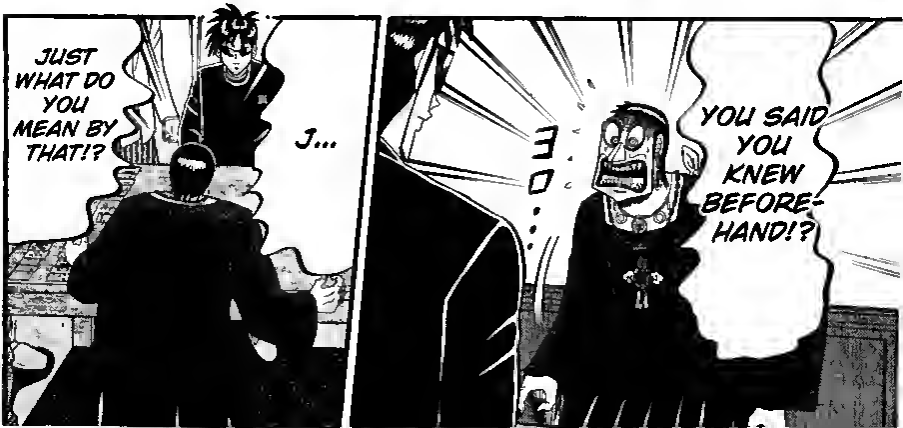

D-DON'T TELL ME...
YOU KNOW ARABIC...!?


I DID SUSPECT SOMETHING WAS UP,
BUT...
COURSE
AFRAID NOT.
HAHA...

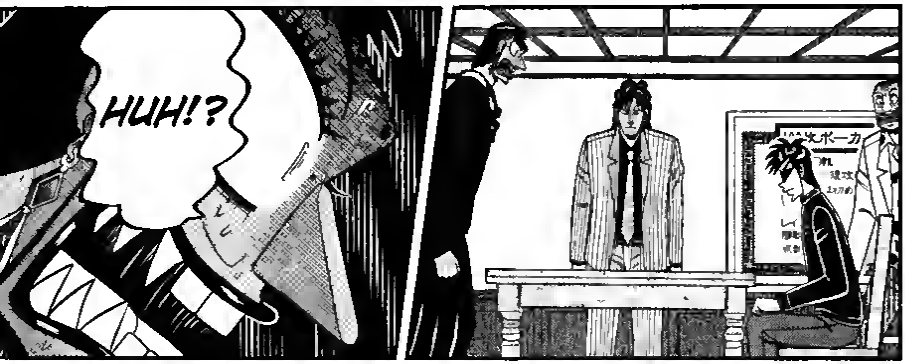
I DIDN'T KNOW THE SPECIFICS.
STILL...
I COULD ANTICIPATE MOST OF JUNKO'S STRATEGY EVEN WITHOUT KNOWING ARABIC...!
WHA?
YOU ANTICIPATED IT!?
THAT'S RIGHT.
WHAT!?

WHAAAAA?

WHAT WAS THAT!?


JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT!?
J...
YOU SAID YOU KNEW BEFORE-HAND!?

SINCE YOU CONTACTED ME.
AND SINCE WHEN!?


HUH!?

Let me feast on your teeth!
So make sure to bring all your pearlies!
FROM THAT EMAIL I SENT?
YOU MEAN,
Y-
EXACTLY.
WHEN YOU SENT ME THOSE MESSAGES...

3 CRITICAL MISTAKES!
YOU ALREADY COMMITTED,
WHAT!?

ALL I DID WAS-
I MADE 3 MISTAKES?
THE HELL?
ONE:
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全10回
先攻4回・ダ
残る2回は
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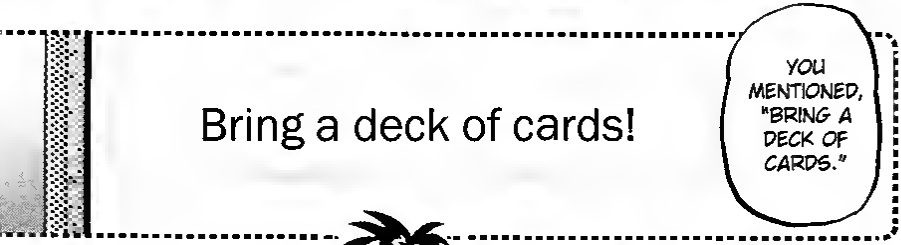
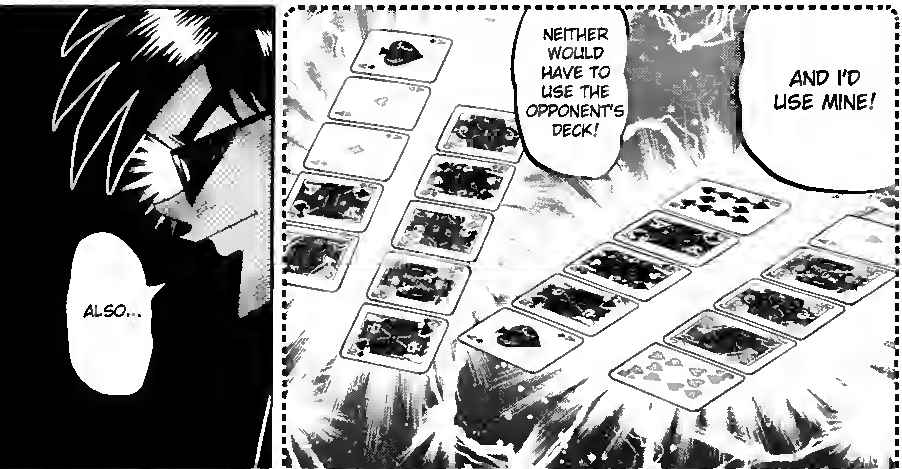

Bring a deck of cards!
YOU MENTIONED, "BRING A DECK OF CARDS."

YOU WERE TRYING TO LULL ME INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY BY IMPLYING THAT THE GAME WOULD BE FAIR.
I ASSUMED,
HUH!?
FROM THAT,
BUT IN DOING SO, YOU MADE A CRITICAL BLUNDER!

WHAT!
I COULD PREDICT WHAT KIND OF GAME WE'D PLAY...!
THANKS TO THAT LINE IN YOUR MESSAGE,
WHAT YOU REALLY TOLD ME,
BY TELLING ME I COULD BRING MY OWN DECK,
EVEN IF I TRIED!
WOULD BE POINTLESS,
BASED ON MARKING CARDS,
WAS THAT ANY SORT OF CHEATING,

UGH!
AFTER ALL,
THERE'S NO WAY,
YOU'D RISK PLAYING FOR HUGE STAKES,
AGAINST OTHER SHADY GAMBLERS IF SUCH PETTY TRICKS COULD WORK!
AS SUCH,

THE GAME WE'D PLAY,
WOULD BE LIKELY ONE,
WHERE YOU'D USE YOUR OWN DECK,


AND I'D USE MINE!
NEITHER WOULD HAVE TO USE THE OPPONENT'S DECK!
ALSO...

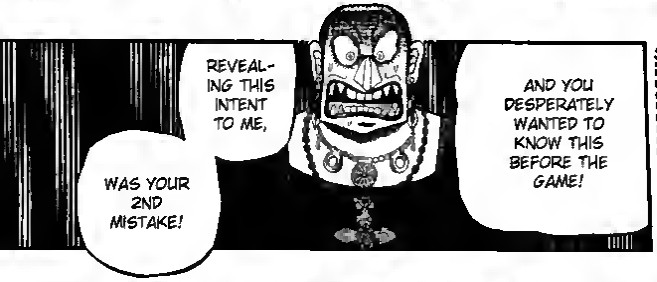
YOU'D DISCARD SOME,
AFTER BEING DEALT YOUR INITIAL HAND,
IN A NORMAL GAME OF POKER,
THERE'D BE NO CHANGING CARDS!
TO EXCHANGE FOR NEW ONES.
AFTER ALL, IF I HAD MARKED MY CARDS,
THERE'D BE NONE OF THAT IN YOUR GAME!
ONCE WE HAD OUR INITIAL HAND, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CHANGE IT!
HENCE,
TO GAIN AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE!
I COULD EASILY KNOW WHICH CARDS TO EXCHANGE WITH,
MARK
A GAME LIKE THAT...

WOULD MOST LIKELY RELY ON DUKING IT OUT ON THE VALUES OF OUR FIXED HANDS.
JUST LIKE YOUR GAME OF 100-CARD POKER!

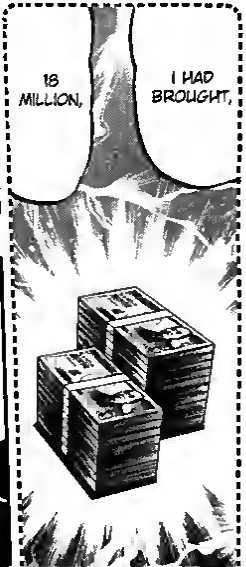
UGH!
TWO:
THE PART ABOUT MONEY!
IN YOUR EMAIL,
YOU SAID TO BRING ONLY CASH.
THAT,
AND THE FACT THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTACT ANYONE OUTSIDE,
ONCE THE MATCH WAS UNDERWAY.
THIS MEANT,
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FUNDS DURING THE GAME
YOU WANTED TO MAKE SURE NO MATTER WHAT,
I WAS GAMBLING ON A SET AMOUNT FOR THE ENTIRE GAME!

ONCE YOU COULD ASSURE THAT,
THE NEXT PRIORITY,
WAS TO CHECK HOW MUCH THAT SET AMOUNT WAS! YOU DID EXACTLY THAT AS SOON AS I ENTERED YOUR MANSION.
18 MILLION MADAM.

AGH!
CHECKING FOR COUNTERFEITS? HAH!
ALL YOUR ZEBRAS DID WERE QUICKLY FLIP THROUGH THE BILLS AND COUNT THEM!


AND YOU DESPERATELY WANTED TO KNOW THIS BEFORE THE GAME!
REVEAL-ING THIS INTENT TO ME,
WAS YOUR 2ND MISTAKE!

LASTLY,
YOUR 3RD MISTAKE ...


I HAD BROUGHT,
18 MILLION,

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE, NO MATTER HOW GOOD THEY ARE,
TO WIN AT POKER EVERY SINGLE TIME!
THAT WAS CARELESS OF YOU
HUH?
THE RUMOUR ABOUT YOU BEING UNDEFEATED!
WHERE CHANCE IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR!
BECAUSE POKER IS STILL A GAME,
WITH THESE 3 MISTAKES YOU MADE,
IF YOU REALLY WERE UNDEFEATED, THEN THAT'S CLEAR PROOF THAT YOU WORKED OUT SOME UNDERHANDED SYSTEM TO ALLOW YOU TO WIN ALL THE TIME!
GUH!
JUNKO
.....
EVEN BEFORE I MET YOU FACE TO FACE!
I COULD FIGURE OUT WHAT YOUR STRATEGY WOULD MOST LIKELY BE,

WINNING AND LOSING,
HUH?
IT'S ALL CONNECTED!
LIKE LIFE AND DEATH ITSELF!
ARE INEX-TRICABLY CONNECTED!
GUH...
NGH...

賭博覇王伝
ゼロ
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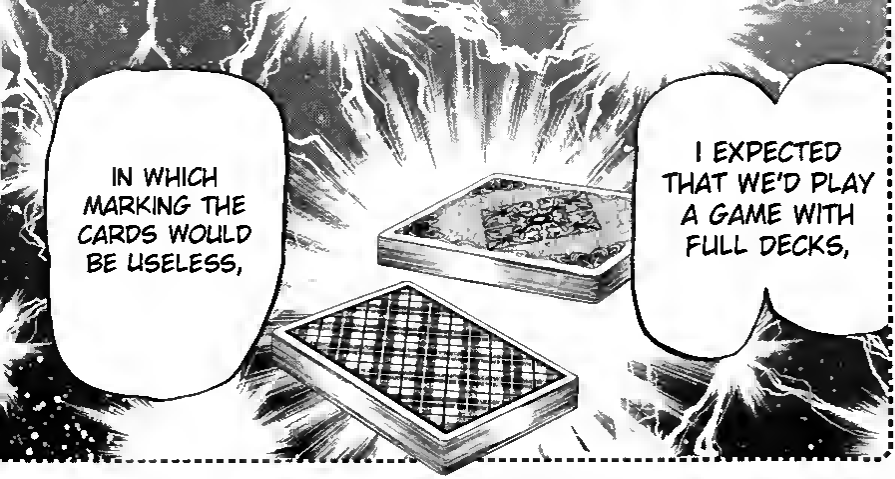
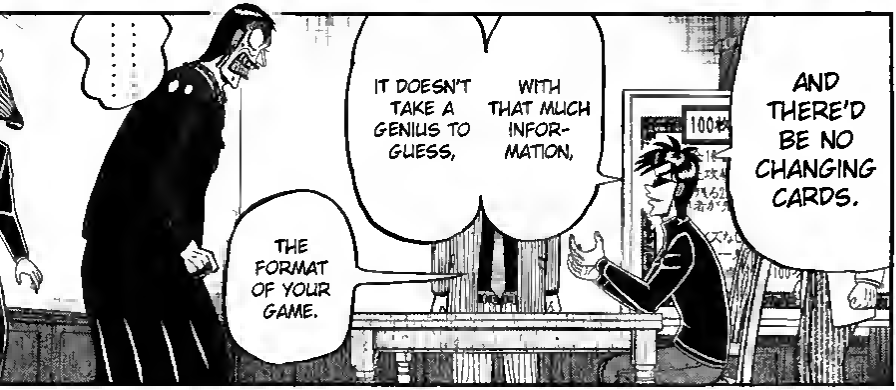
ZERO
ギャンキ
GYANKI

Chapter 24
Guess
GUH!
GAHHHHH!
WHAT THE HELL!
SO YOU KNEW!?

YOU KNEW EVERY-THING ALL ALONG!?
NO,
WHA?
'BOUT... 90%!
BUT MOST OF IT.
NOT EVERY-THING.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU BY TELLING ME TO BRING MY OWN DECK.
90%?


I EXPECTED THAT WE'D PLAY A GAME WITH FULL DECKS,
IN WHICH MARKING THE CARDS WOULD BE USELESS,


AND THERE'D BE NO CHANGING CARDS.
WITH THAT MUCH INFOR-MATION,
IT DOESN'T TAKE A GENIUS TO GUESS,
THE FORMAT OF YOUR GAME.
100枚

IT'D BE SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES
OF YOUR 100-CARD POKER!
GUH!
IN ANY CASE,
ONCE I HAD A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT TO EXPECT,
I COULD THEN GO ON...

TO CONFIRM MY SUSPI-CIONS,
AS SOON AS I SET FOOT,
IN THIS ROOM!
FIRST THING THAT CAUGHT MY EYE WAS YOUR BIG STACK OF MONEY.
240 MILLION YEN,
IN TOTAL!
ALSO,
YOU HAD YOUR MEN IMMEDIATELY CHECK HOW MUCH MONEY WE BROUGHT.
18 MILLION, MADAM.
WITH THESE TWO CLUES,
IT WAS ONLY TOO OBVIOUS THAT YOU PLANNED TO OVERPOWER ME WITH MONEY!

WHEN I ASKED,
YOU SAID THERE'D BE NO RAISES,
BUT...
NGH!
I WONDERED HOW ELSE YOU COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR LARGER FUNDS.
SO NATURALLY,
IN YOUR GAME OF POKER.
BEHIND THOSE SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING CURTAINS!
THE ANSWER TO THAT,
WAS HIDDEN IN THE CORNER OF THIS ROOM,

IT WAS THERE,
WHERE I EXPECTED YOU'D PULL SOME STRANGE TRICK!
DAMN, ZERO ..
THE UPPER HAND!
KAHH!
A TRICK THAT WOULD GIVE YOU
BUT EVEN IF YOU KNEW,
THAT SHE'D PULL SOME TRICK TO WIN...
SO YOU ALREADY THOUGHT THAT FAR AHEAD...

SUE-ZAKI.
SOUNDS EASIER SAID THAN DONE TO ME...
HOW YOU'D KNOW EXACTLY WHAT SHE WOULD DO...
I DON'T QUITE SEE,
HUH?
HOW DO YOU WIN IN POKER...?

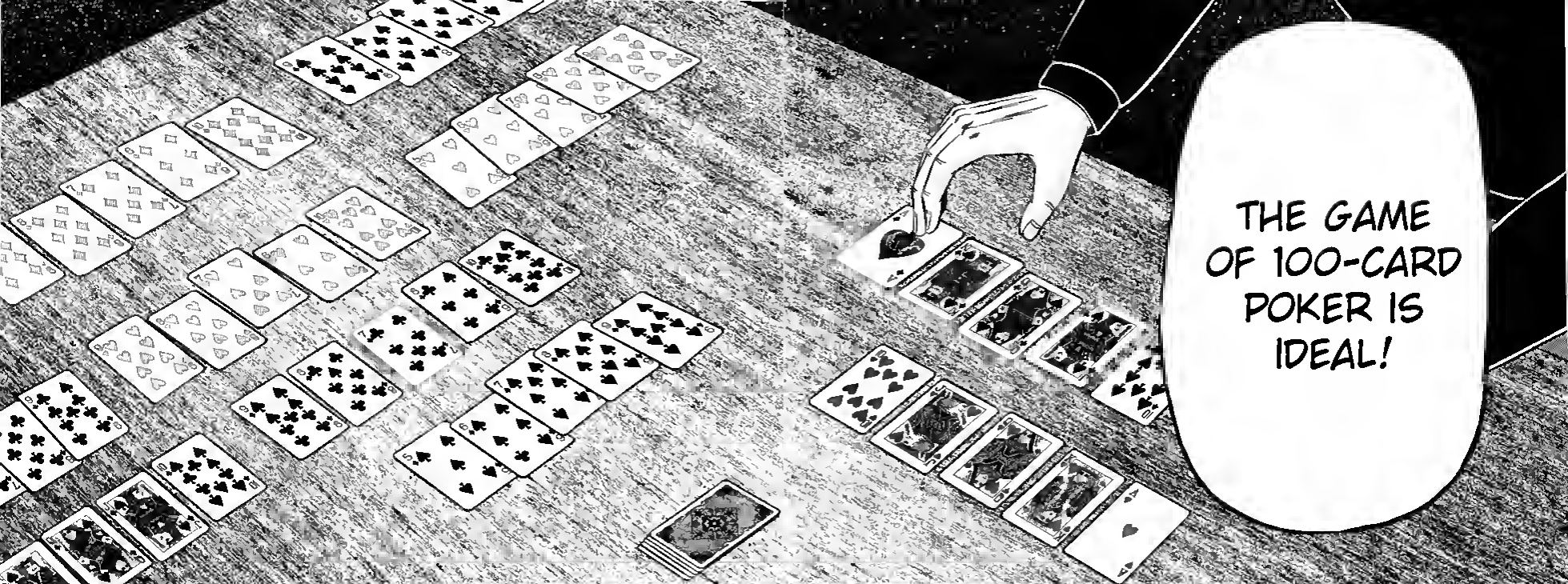
BY PRESSURING THEM WITH RAISES.
ONE IS TO FORCE YOUR OPPONENT TO SURRENDER,
BUT!
THERE'S REALLY ONLY 2 MAIN WAYS
WELL, THERE'S LOTS OF WAYS LIKE...
WHA?

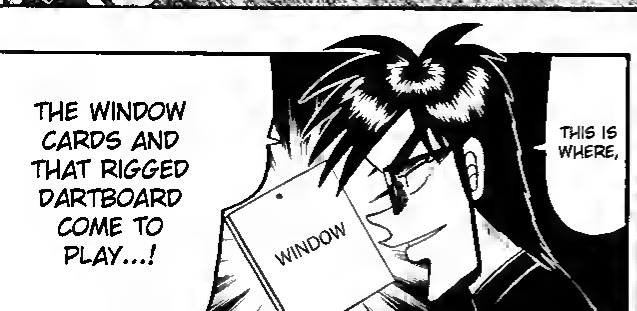
AND SO, THERE'S ONLY ONE OTHER WAY TO WIN.
I KNEW THAT...
R-RIGHT.
AH!
THERE'D BE NONE OF THAT IN JUNKO'S GAME.

BY HAVING A HIGHER-VALUED HAND,
THAN YOUR OPPONENT!
OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT?
THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY WAY.
WE'D BE DUKING IT OUT DIRECTLY WITH OUR HANDS.

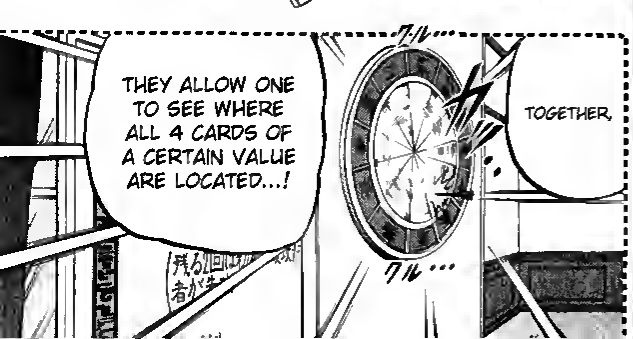
IF YOU THINK CAREFULLY,
THERE ARE 3 CONDITIONS...
NOW...
BUT STILL-
Y-YEAH...
3 CONDITIONS, IF FULFILLED,
WOULD GUARANTEE A WIN!
IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT JUNKO HERE,
IS QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THOSE 3 CONDITIONS!
AGH!
WHAT?
HEH...

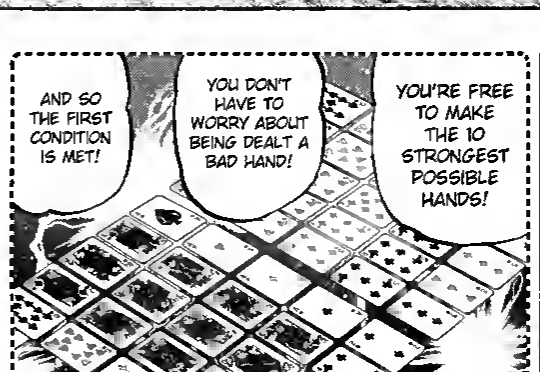
NGHHHH!
HUH!?
ONE.
IS YOUR HAND.
NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU ARE,
YOU WOULD STILL LOSE IF YOU'RE DEALT A CRAP HAND.
THAT'S WHY,


THE GAME OF 100-CARD POKER IS IDEAL!


THE WINDOW CARDS AND THAT RIGGED DARTBOARD COME TO PLAY...!
THIS IS WHERE,
WINDOW

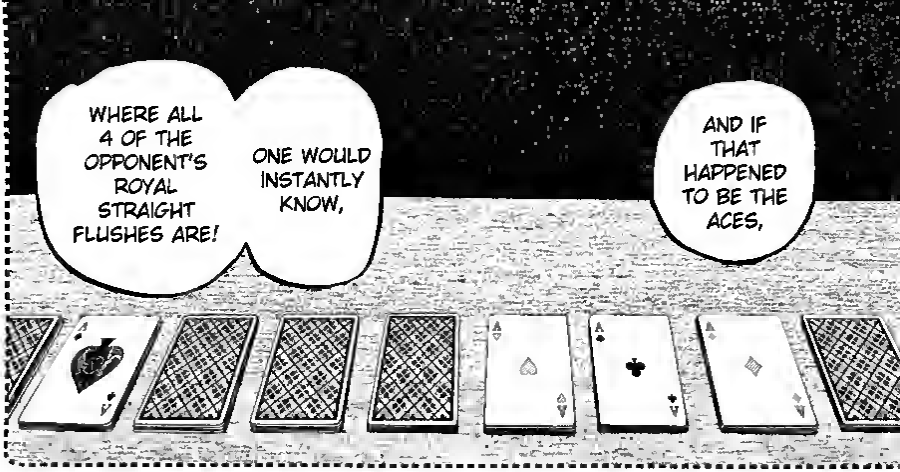
TO KNOW THE OPPONENT'S HAND!

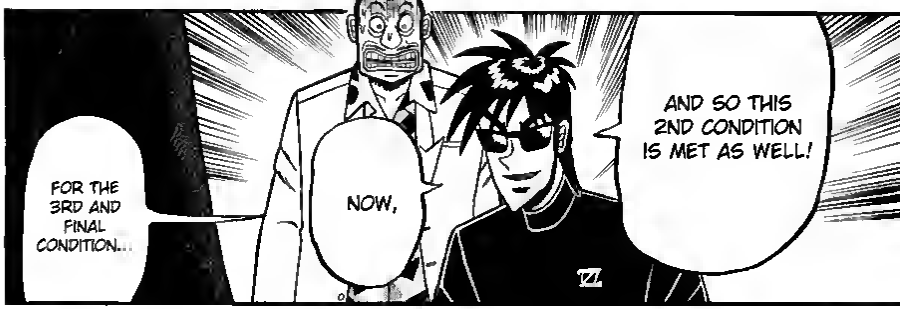

THEY ALLOW ONE TO SEE WHERE ALL 4 CARDS OF A CERTAIN VALUE ARE LOCATED...!
TOGETHER,


AND SO THE FIRST CONDITION IS MET!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING DEALT A BAD HAND!
YOU'RE FREE TO MAKE THE 10 STRONGEST POSSIBLE HANDS!

MOVING ON TO THE 2ND CONDITION

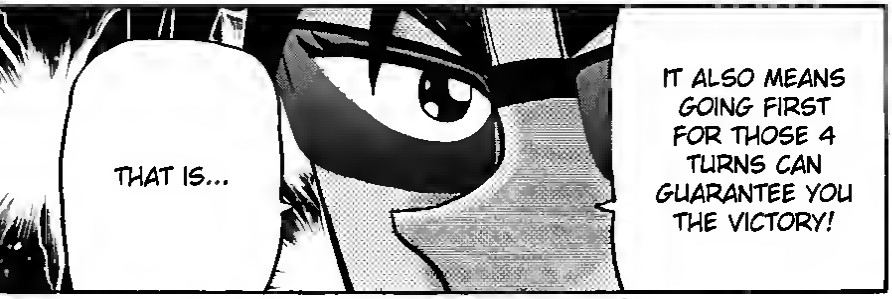
BECAUSE IN THIS GAME,
UGH!

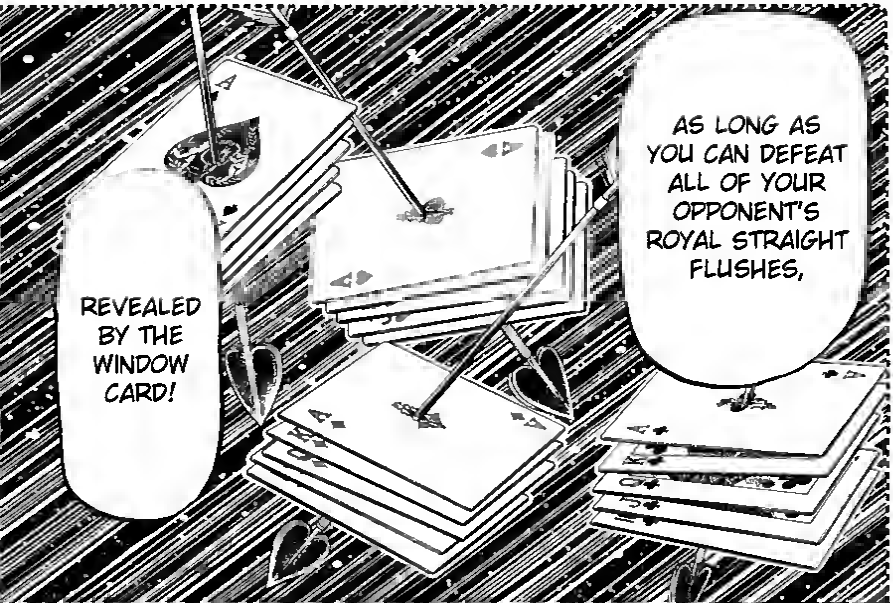

WHERE ALL 4 OF THE OPPONENT'S ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES ARE!
ONE WOULD INSTANTLY KNOW,
AND IF THAT HAPPENED TO BE THE ACES,

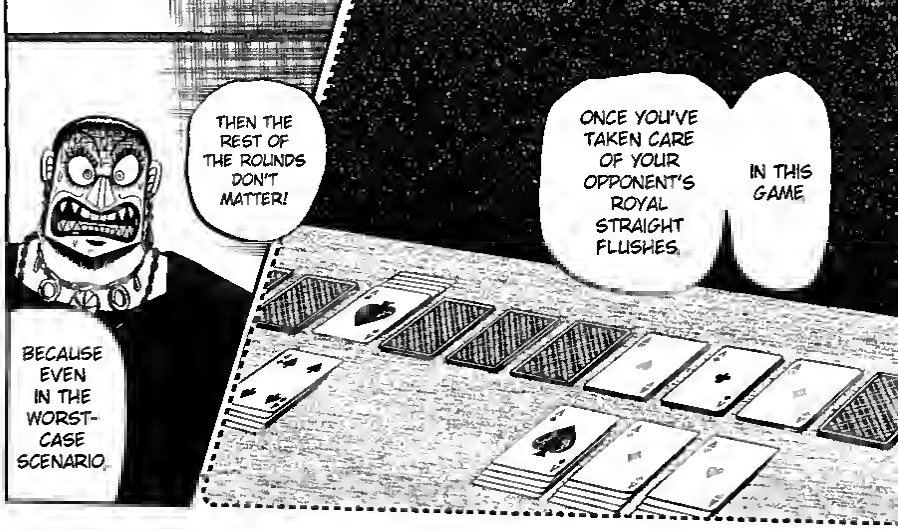

FOR THE 3RD AND FINAL CONDITION...
NOW,
AND SO THIS 2ND CONDITION IS MET AS WELL!

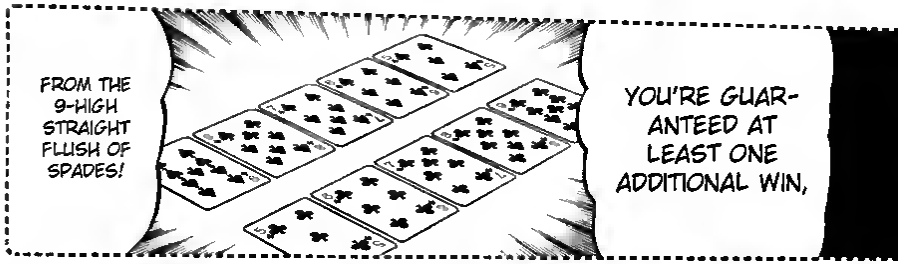
ATTACK FIRST
YOU NEED TO HAVE THE FIRST PICK!
THUS,
IT'D BE MEANINGLESS IF YOU COULDN'T CHOOSE WHICH OF YOUR OPPONENT'S HANDS TO PLAY AGAINST!
EVEN IF YOU HAD A GOOD HAND,
AND KNEW WHAT YOUR OPPONENT'S HAND WAS,

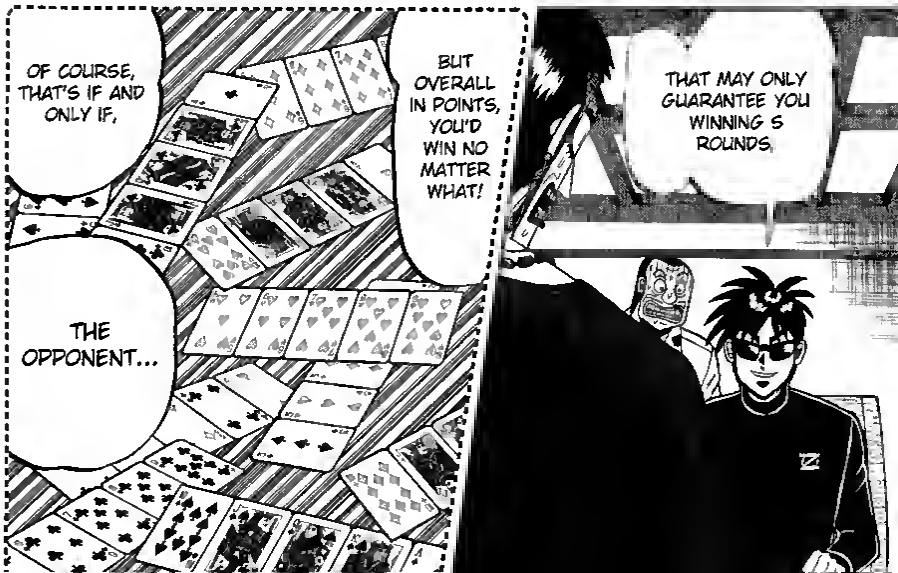
AND AS THE RULES STATE, ONE PLAYER WILL HAVE THE FIRST PICK,
FOR THE FIRST 4 ROUNDS!
TO NOT HAVE FIRST PICK FOR THOSE FIRST 4 ROUNDS,
COULD PREVENT ONE FROM WINNING DESPITE THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED ADVANTAGES.
CONVERSELY,
全10回戦
先攻4回・後攻4回
残る2回は初めに


IT ALSO MEANS GOING FIRST FOR THOSE 4 TURNS CAN GUARANTEE YOU THE VICTORY!
THAT IS...


AS LONG AS YOU CAN DEFEAT ALL OF YOUR OPPONENT'S ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES,
REVEALED BY THE WINDOW CARD!


THEN THE REST OF THE ROUNDS DON'T MATTER!
ONCE YOU'VE TAKEN CARE OF YOUR OPPONENT'S ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES
IN THIS GAME
BECAUSE EVEN IN THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO,


FROM THE 9-HIGH STRAIGHT FLUSH OF SPADES!
YOU'RE GUARANTEED AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL WIN,

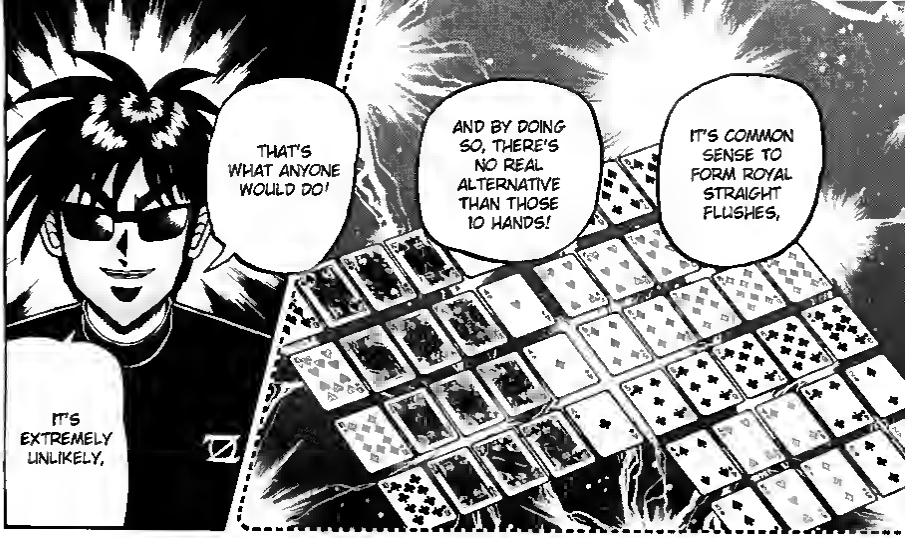

OF COURSE, THAT'S IF AND ONLY IF,
BUT OVERALL IN POINTS, YOU'D WIN NO MATTER WHAT!
THAT MAY ONLY GUARANTEE YOU WINNING 5 ROUNDS.
THE OPPONENT...

NGHHHH!
PLAYED CONVEN-TIONALLY!

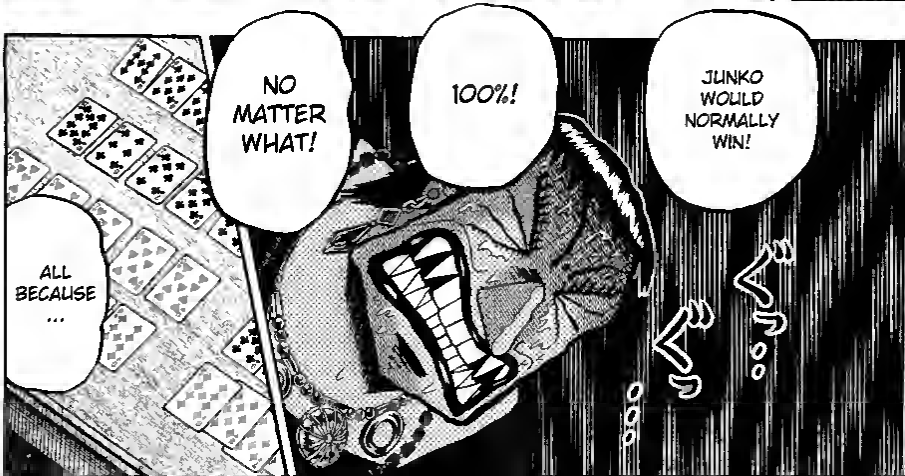
AND,

WHY ON EARTH WOULD SOMEONE NOT PLAY CONVENTION-ALLY?
WHY WOULDN'T THEY?

GAH!


IT'S EXTREMELY UNLIKELY,
THAT'S WHAT ANYONE WOULD DO!
AND BY DOING SO, THERE'S NO REAL ALTERNATIVE THAN THOSE 10 HANDS!
IT'S COMMON SENSE TO FORM ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES,

AS SUCH,
SO UNLIKELY ENOUGH TO BE BEYOND CONSID-ERATION.
LIKE I DID IN OUR GAME.
ANYBODY WOULD WANT TO FORM LESS THAN IDEAL HANDS,


ALL BECAUSE ...
NO MATTER WHAT!
100%!
JUNKO WOULD NORMALLY WIN!
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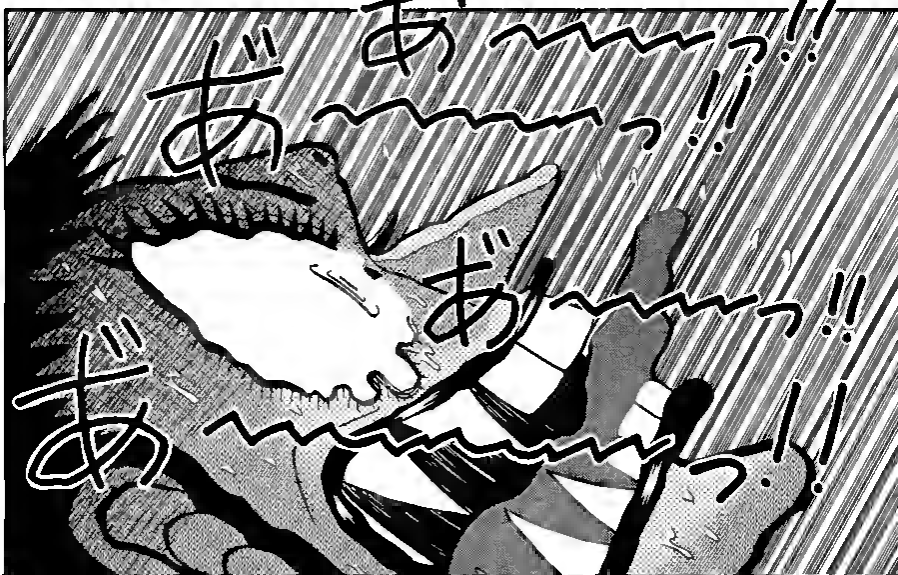
IN SECURING HER START ON THE OFFENSIVE!
THIS WAS KEY,
OF HOW MUCH MONEY SHE HAD!
THAT'S WHY THE FIRST THING SHE DID,
TO ADJUST THE PRICE,
KNOWING THAT, SHE COULD SEND HER ZEBRAS,
WAS CHECK HOW MUCH MONEY WE BROUGHT.
先攻権
OF THE "ATTACK FIRST" CARD!
WHAT'S WITH THIS BRAT!?
GAH!
...
SHE COULDN'T LET HER OPPONENT BE ABLE TO BUY THAT CARD NO MATTER WHAT!

DOESN'T THIS MEAN HE OUTSMARTED ME IN EVERY WAY...?

THAT I'M JUST AN IDIOT COMPARED TO HIM...!? ME, AN IDIOT!?



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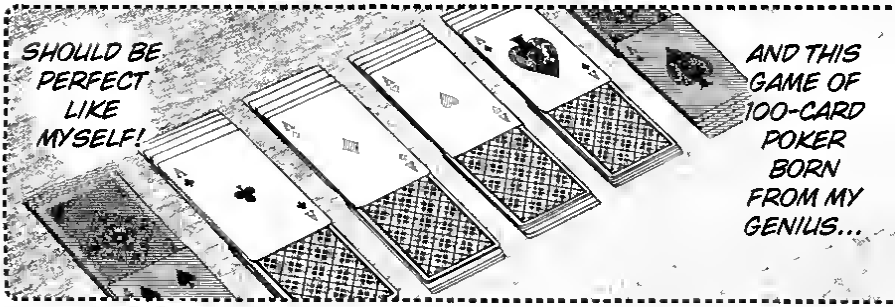
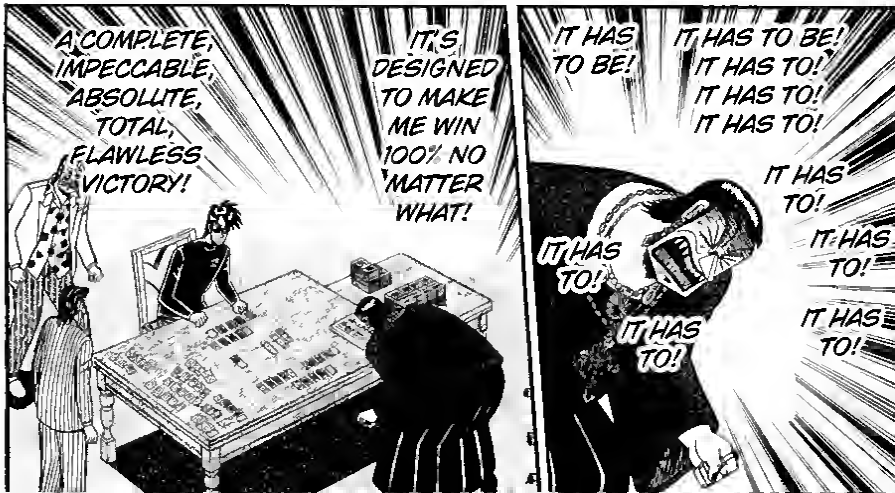
THE WOMAN WITH BEAUTY, SMARTS, AND RICHES!
I'M JUNKO, THE FASH-IONABLE AND INVINCIBLE POKER QUEEN!
THAT'S NOT POSSI-BLE!
NONO NONO NONO OOOO!


SHOULD BE PERFECT LIKE MYSELF!
AND THIS GAME OF 100-CARD POKER BORN FROM MY GENIUS...


A COMPLETE, IMPECCABLE, ABSOLUTE, TOTAL, FLAWLESS VICTORY!
IT'S DESIGNED TO MAKE ME WIN 100% NO MATTER WHAT!
IT HAS TO BE!
IT HAS TO BE! IT HAS TO! IT HAS TO! IT HAS TO!
IT HAS TO!
IT HAS TO!
IT HAS TO!
IT HAS TO!
IT HAS TO!

IT'S FOOL-PROOF!
THERE'S NOT A SINGLE FAULT, BLEMISH, OR CRACK WITH...
AHHHH!
COULD IT BE ...!?
ZEBRAS!

GET ALL YOUR ASSES HERE RIGHT NOW!
MADAM?!
YES!?
RIGHT AWAY!
Teeth Extraction Kit

PARDON?
'FESS UP!
WHO!?
WHO'S THE ONE THAT STABBED ME IN THE BACK!?
I KNOW IT'S ONE OF YOU!
W-WE'D NEVER DO SUCH A...
WHO'S THE RAT WHO SQUEALED!
WHAAAT?

N-NO, IT'S NOT US, WE SWEAR!
WHO'S THE SPY!?
DON'T LIE TO ME!

NONE OF THEM BETRAYED YOU.
ENOUGH.
HOW MANY TEETH DO I HAVE TO PULL OUT BEFORE ONE OF YOU TELLS THE TRUTH!?

YOU WERE THE ONE TO CONTACT ME BY MAIL AND THAT WAS THE ONLY TIME WE COMMUNICATED BEFORE TODAY.
HUH?
JUST THINK.
WHAT!?

AHHH!
SO UNLESS YOU TOLD YOUR ZEBRAS ABOUT ME YOURSELF,
THEN NONE OF YOUR ZEBRAS WOULD'VE KNOWN ANYTHING ABOUT ME, MUCH LESS CONTACT ME.
UGH!
GAHHHH!
DAMN IT!
AND YOUR 4 ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH WINS,
SHOULD STILL HAVE GUARATEED YOUR WIN.
BUT...

IT WAS NONE OTHER THAN YOU,
WHO COMPROMISED THAT VERY VICTORY.
FOOLISHLY,
YOU COULDN'T CONTAIN YOUR EXCITEMENT,
AND BECAME CARELESS AS A RESULT!
THAT WAS REFLECTED,
BY YOUR SIMULTANEOUS CHECKING OF YOUR TWO FOUR OF A KINDS,
RECHECKING ONLY,
FOLLOWED BY,
THOSE ACTIONS OF YOURS,
YOUR 4 ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSHES.
INADVERTANTLY...

YOUR COCKY ATTITUDE!
ALL CAUSED BY,
A FATAL MISTAKE!
HELPED ME WIN THE GAME!
NGHH!
YOU MIS-TAKENLY THOUGHT YOU HAD WON THE MATCH BEFORE IT EVEN BEGAN!
FROM SEEING HIS OPENED HANDS ON THE TABLE THAT...
BUT I WAS CERTAIN,
GUH!
AGHH!

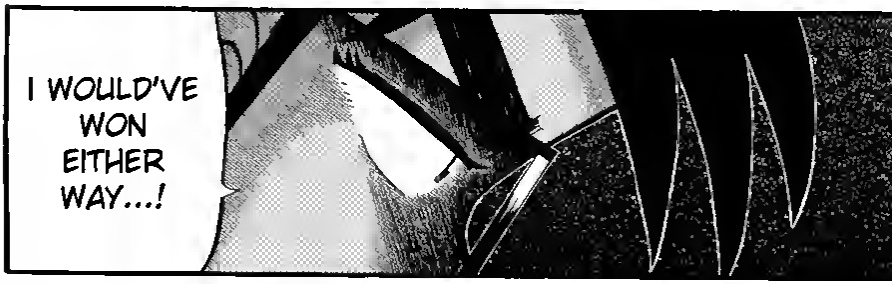
AH!
WAIT A SEC...
ITAKURA!
ITAKURA!
ITA-KURA!
IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE WAY YOU OPENED ZERO'S HANDS THAT I COULDN'T SEE WHERE HIS 5s WERE PLACED! YOU KNEW ALL ALONG, DIDN'T YOU!?
.....
YES.
I WAS PERFECTLY AWARE OF ZERO'S PLANS ALL ALONG.
AHA!
AS A MATTER OF FACT,
BEFORE THIS GAME,
ZERO SPE-CIFICALLY ASKED ME,
THAT WHEN OPENING THE CARDS...

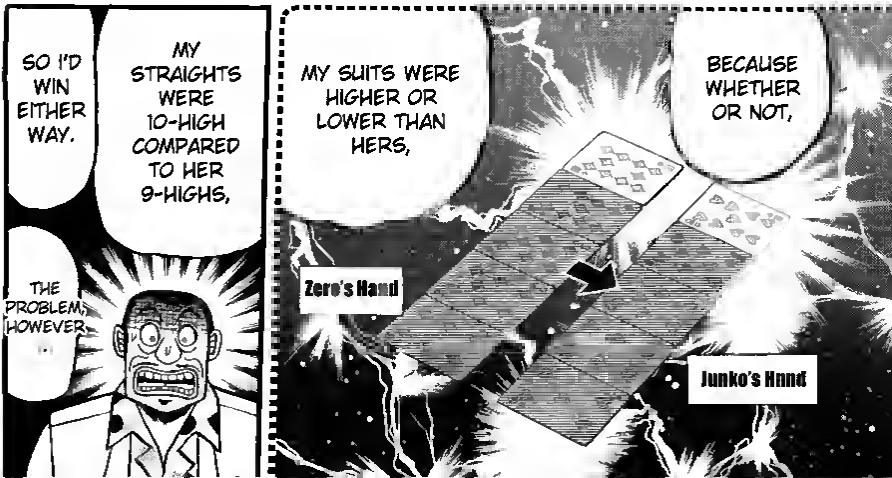
I SHOULD INSTEAD,
SO THAT ALL 5 CARDS WERE LAID BARE,
INSTEAD OF DOING IT NORMALLY,
SO THAT ONE CARD IS HIDDEN.
OPEN IT LIKE THIS,
I'D HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO COMPLY.
TO SEE ALL 5 CARDS IN THE HAND,
OF COURSE, IF YOU HAD ONLY SPECIFICALLY ASKED,
WHY YOU!
ENOUGH!
BUT, AS LONG AS YOU DIDN'T ASK...

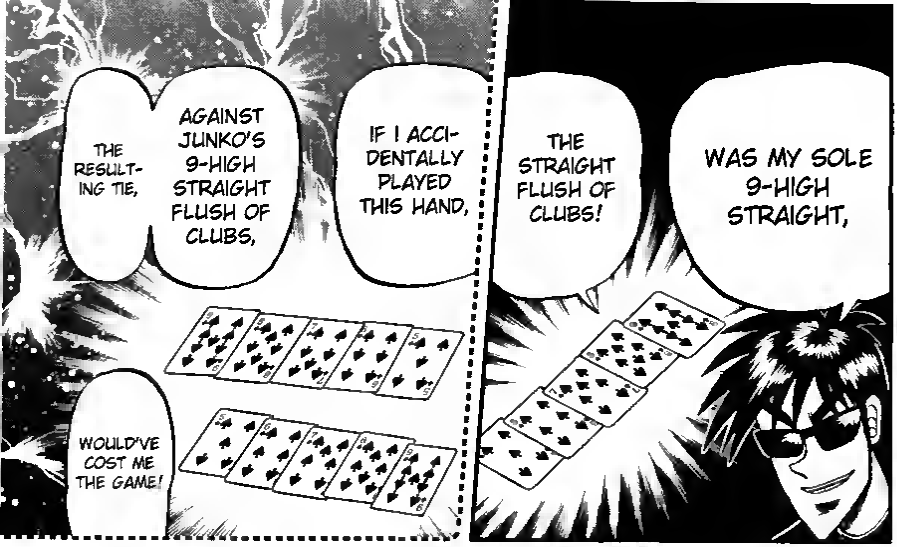
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME BECAUSE I NEVER ASKED!?
YOU THINK I'D ACCEPT SUCH A FLIMSY EXCUSE!?
OH PLEASE!
YOU WERE THE ONE,
WHO SAID WE WERE THE ONES AT FAULT,
FOR NOT ASKING WHETHER OR NOT THE RULES WERE WRITTEN ONLY IN JAPANESE!
AGH!

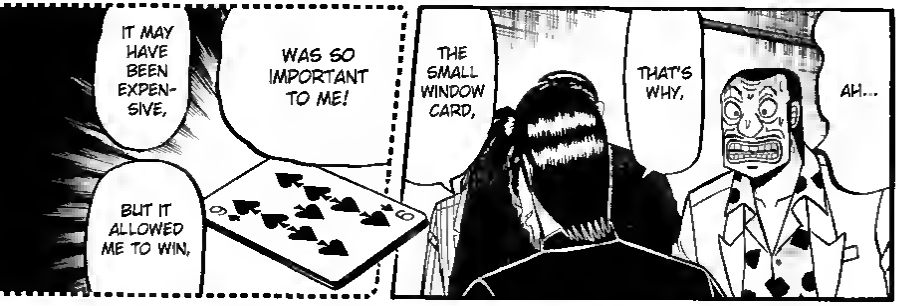
NGH...
THERE'S STILL ONE ZERO THING.
HM?
YOU'VE GOT NO RIGHT TO START COMPLAIN-ING NOW!!
DAMN IT!
WERE ALL HIGHER THAN THE ONE YOU MATCHED AGAINST!
THE SUIT OF YOUR HANDS,
WHEN YOU PLAYED YOUR STRAIGHT FLUSHES,
BACK IN THE GAME,
WHAT'S THAT?
ONE THING LEFT THAT YOU HAVEN'T EXPLAINED..

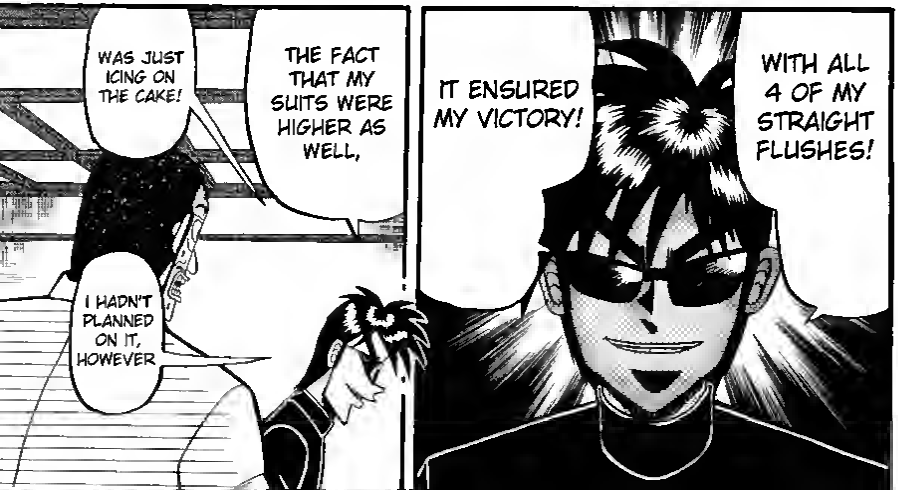
HOW DID YOU KNOW WHICH OF HER STRAIGHT FLUSHES WERE WHICH SUITS...?
OH, THAT?
THAT WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE.
WHA?
BUT EVEN SO,


I WOULD'VE WON EITHER WAY...!

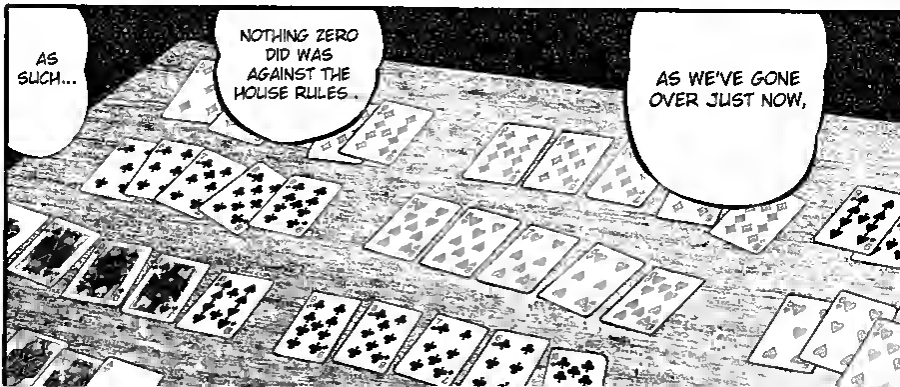

BECAUSE WHETHER OR NOT,
MY SUITS WERE HIGHER OR LOWER THAN HERS,
Zero's Hand
Junko's Hand
MY STRAIGHTS WERE 10-HIGH COMPARED TO HER 9-HIGHS,
SO I'D WIN EITHER WAY.
THE PROBLEM, HOWEVER...


WAS MY SOLE 9-HIGH STRAIGHT,
THE STRAIGHT FLUSH OF CLUBS!
IF I ACCIDENTALLY PLAYED THIS HAND,
AGAINST JUNKO'S 9-HIGH STRAIGHT FLUSH OF CLUBS,
THE RESULTING TIE,
WOULD'VE COST ME THE GAME!


AH...
THAT'S WHY,
THE SMALL WINDOW CARD,
WAS SO IMPORTANT TO ME!
IT MAY HAVE BEEN EXPENSIVE,
BUT IT ALLOWED ME TO WIN,


WITH ALL 4 OF MY STRAIGHT FLUSHES!
IT ENSURED MY VICTORY!
THE FACT THAT MY SUITS WERE HIGHER AS WELL,
WAS JUST ICING ON THE CAKE!
I HADN'T PLANNED ON IT, HOWEVER

GAHHHH!
OH...
SORRY IF I MISLED YOU...
.....
WELL,
IT SEEMS JUNKO HAS FINALLY ACCEPTED,
HER DEFEAT.


AS WE'VE GONE OVER JUST NOW,
NOTHING ZERO DID WAS AGAINST THE HOUSE RULES.
AS SUCH...

AND BECAUSE THE STAKES WERE RAISED 10 TIMES,
AGHHH!
THE WINNER IS ZERO!
30 MILLION YEN,
THE 3 POINT DIFFERENCE GIVES HIM,
COMBINED,
THE 40 MILLION JUNKO SPENT DURING SHOPPING TIME.
AND,
THAT COMES TO A SUM TOTAL OF 70 MILLION YEN!

KAAGHHHHH!
HAHA!
THE MONEY'S YOURS.
ZERO!
YOU DID IT!
YOU WON BIG-TIME!
GAHHHHHH HHHHHHHH HHHHHHHH HHHHHHHH!
ARGH HHH HHHH HHH!!
きゅう!

NOOO!
NOOO!
NOOO!
NOO!
GAH!
GAH!
AH!
MADAM, NO! YOUR... "ITEMS" ARE FALLING!
AHH!

WHA?
うわっ!
AGH!
HOLY CRAP!
THAT... "THING" LOOKS LESS LIKE A WOMAN THAN EVEN ME!
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見事
7000万円を手にし、
屋敷
AFTER WINNING 70 MILLION YEN,
再雪だ!!!
ZERO IS PURSUED BY A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER WHO CHALLENGES HIM!
賭博覇王伝
ゼロ
ギャンキ編
ZERO
物が
!!!
ISN'T OVER YET!
OUR MATCH,
5月発売予定!!!!

助かる！
それに乗り、屋敷に戻った零。
「100枚ポーカー」を行おうとするジュンコに対し、
やるわよ！
I CHALLENGE YOU ONE MORE TIME IN 100-CARD P-
NO...
零が提案する新たなゲームとは・・・!?
BUT HOW ABOUT,
WE TRY A CARD GAME THAT I'VE COME UP WITH...?

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